



**AMERICANS FOR
PROSPERITY.**

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Dear Representatives Johnson and Hartzler:

On behalf of more than two million Americans for Prosperity activists in all 50 states, I write in support of your legislation that would repeal the Transportation Alternatives Program.

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) dedicates federal gas tax dollars to inherently state and local projects, such as recreational trails, street lamps, and scenic beautification. This program cost taxpayers \$820 million in fiscal year 2014. The money comes out of the Highway Trust Fund, which has been bailed out to the tune of \$54 billion since 2008 — thanks largely to wasteful spending unrelated to core transportation needs, such as building roads and bridges.

Repealing the Transportation Alternatives Program would be a major step in improving transportation infrastructure financing. It would free hundreds of millions of dollars to be spent on vital road and bridge repair, allow states more freedom and flexibility in transportation spending decisions, and ultimately move the federal Highway Trust Fund one step closer to its original intention, which was to be a fund for federal highways.

Recently, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have expressed support for increasing the federal gas tax, but increasing the burden on the American people while leaving in place programs like TAP would be misguided. Every gas tax dollar spent on the Transportation Alternatives Program is a dollar not spent repairing crucial infrastructure priorities such as federal highways and bridges.

Americans for Prosperity is proud to support repeal of the Transportation Alternatives Program. I urge your colleagues to support its passage, and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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