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The Honorable Lawrence K. "Larry" Grooms  
Chairman  
Senate Transportation Committee  
203 Gressette Bldg.  
Columbia, SC 29201

***Re: STAND FOR SC SENATE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL***

Dear Senator Grooms,

The Trident CEO Council is a group of executives from the Tri-County Region employing in excess of 10,000 associates in the local community, advocating a culture to **STAND FOR PROGRESS** in our Lowcountry Region and in the State.

The status of our Infrastructure in South Carolina is clearly deteriorating. Alarming, SC has the 5<sup>th</sup> highest road fatalities per 100 million miles traveled in the United States. Our highways, bridges and secondary roads are not meeting today's needs, let alone anticipated SC growth in residents, jobs and businesses in the coming years. We are asking you for a dedicated revenue source to help solve this significant problem facing our state. We recognize that it is vitally important that our employees, customers, products and services move in a safe and efficient manner throughout our Region and State.

It is time to address planned, systematic Infrastructure Funding in this Legislative Session. Our State needs a dedicated, indexed, reoccurring revenue stream to fully fund our Infrastructure needs. As our website states, "**If we are to move forward, we must be able to MOVE!**"

We urge you to **STAND FOR PROGRESS** by passing an Improved Infrastructure Bill in the Senate during this session.

Thank you,



Tom Leonard  
Executive Director  
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