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Appropriations  
Committee

Rep. John Read  
Chairman  
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Committee

Sen. Jennifer Branning  
Chairman  
Highways  
& Transportation  
Committee

Rep. Charles Busby  
Chairman  
Transportation  
Committee

Dear Chairmen Hopson, Read, Branning and Busby:

In the 2018 special session, the Legislature developed a successful process to prioritize and repair the state, city and county bridges that posed safety problems and economic roadblocks: The Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. The Legislature issued \$250 million in bonds for the work, but MDOT received more than \$970 million in requests.

Recognizing the success of the program, Senate Bill 2825 of the 2021 Session earmarked \$89 million of federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations for the state ERBRF Program. There were some resubmitted projects but also many new ones and the list again contained \$954 million in requests.

The 2018 legislation created an advisory board to work with MDOT. The board and the department have developed a productive relationship that has seen 228 bridges in 78 of the state's counties repaired or replaced.

As members of the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Board, we respectfully request that the 2022 Legislature approve a substantial third round of funding to continue cutting into the more than \$1 billion in projects submitted by local governments.

Sincerely,



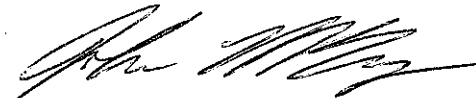
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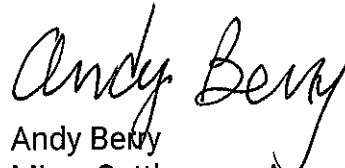
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