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Dear Donald,

Thank you for contacting me regarding proposals to prohibit states from creating motorcycle-only checkpoints in the surface transportation reauthorization bill. I value hearing from residents of New York's 24th Congressional District and take your ideas and concerns very seriously.

As you may know, I serve as the Vice Chairman of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and was recently appointed by Speaker John Boehner to serve on the House of Representatives' negotiating team to work with the Senate in drafting a new transportation bill. The previous transportation bill expired in September of 2009 and has since been running on a series of short-term extensions. We cannot afford to limp along under more extensions and I am committed to working with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to develop a strong final product.

Passing a transportation bill will provide a stream of federal funding and certainty to empower states to take on major projects including bridge replacements, highway interchange improvements, and investment in our nation's transit systems-especially those in Upstate New York. These are the types of projects that have the potential to provide jobs for years to come and grow our economy in the long-term.

I was pleased that the transportation bill approved by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, H.R. 7, includes language to prohibit states from instituting programs to check helmet usage or creating "motorcycle only" checkpoints. Please rest assured that I will keep your support for this provision in mind as we work with the Senate to craft a final transportation bill.

While you may not agree with every vote I cast representing you, you will always know my rationale for the decisions I make on the House floor because I am committed to open government and transparency. You may be interested to know that I post explanations for final passage votes on each House bill on my Facebook and Twitter websites.

Again, thank you for contacting me. I look forward to working with you and for you in the days and years ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact any of my offices in the future if I or my staff

can be of assistance, and feel free to visit my website at <http://hanna.house.gov> to sign up for "e-newsletters" regarding issues that are important to you. We work for you.

Warm Regards,

RICHARD HANNA
U.S. Representative