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The State Senate
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

November 21, 2014

Dear Lieutenant Governor Cagle,

House Resolution 1573, passed during the 2014 Legislative Session, created a Joint House and Senate Study Committee charged with undertaking the study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems relating to funding of Georgia's critical transportation infrastructure and making specific legislative recommendations for consideration in the 2015 Legislative Session. The Committee was authorized to conduct up to eight public meetings and currently stands abolished on December 1, 2014.

Because of the importance of this issue and the volume of testimony we received from witnesses during our public meetings, the last of which was held on November 20, 2014, Co-Chair Representative Jay Roberts and I have determined that the Committee will need additional time in December to thoughtfully consider the recommendations we will make to the General Assembly. However, HR 1573 provides that the Joint Study Committee on Critical Transportation Infrastructure Funding stands abolished on December 1, 2014. To allow for the Committee to continue its work and perform the duties it is charged to do, and to ensure that the report of the Committee's findings is timely submitted, I respectfully request your approval to extend the Committee's date of abolishment to December 31, 2014.

Pursuant to Senate Resolution 4, which as you are well aware provides the President of the Senate with the authority to "...extend the time allowed for any committee", I ask for your consideration of this important request.

Thank you for your help with this very important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Steve Gooch
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November 24, 2014

The Honorable Steve Gooch
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Dear Senator Gooch:

I am writing in response to your letter on November 21, 2014, requesting that the date of abolishment for the Joint Study Committee on Critical Transportation Infrastructure Funding, created by House Resolution 1573, be postponed until December 31, 2014. Your request is hereby approved pursuant to the authority granted under Senate Resolution 4.

Given that this study committee is a joint committee created by both the State Senate and the House of Representatives; my approval is contingent upon concurrent approval by the Speaker of the House, which I understand he intends to give.

Thank you for your diligent work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Casey Cagle
Lt. Governor of Georgia

cc: The Honorable David Ralston
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Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House
Legislative Counsel