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## **SIGN THE THOMPSON-CAPPS-THOMPSON LETTER TO TRANSPORTATION CONFEREES SUPPORTING THE OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM**

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Dear Colleague:

Please sign the attached letter to members of the House-Senate Transportation Conference Committee supporting dedicated funding for off-system bridges. Off-system bridges are those bridges that are not on a Federal-aid highway but that are owned and operated by local governments.

There are over 590,000 bridges in the United States, and more than 50% are off-system. Since 1978, the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) has required states to spend at least 15 percent of their annual apportioned bridge funding on off-system bridges. The dedicated funding provided from the HBP has been critical to ensuring these bridges remain safe and open to all users.

The current text of S. 1813 preserves the off-system bridge set-aside requirement, while H.R. 4348 is silent on this issue. The letter below asks members of the conference committee to retain the language in S. 1813 pertaining to the off-system bridge set aside.

The deadline to sign this letter is close of business **Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact Tim Daly (Rep. Mike Thompson) at 5-3311, Jonathan Levenshus (Rep. Lois Capps) at 5-3601, or Matthew Brennan (Rep. Glenn Thompson) at x5-5121 should you have any questions or would like to sign this letter.

Sincerely,

/s  
**Mike Thompson**  
Member of Congress

/s  
**Lois Capps**  
Member of Congress

/s  
**Glenn Thompson**  
Member of Congress