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Washington, DC 20515

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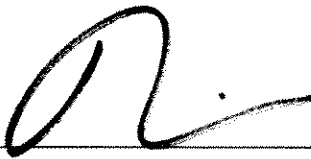
Dear Chairmen Young and Inhofe, and Ranking Members Oberstar and Jeffords:

We write in support of language added to the Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (HR.3) during Senate consideration that would permit competition among companies that collect traffic data.

Section 5403 of the House-passed bill extends a monopoly given to Traffic.com when TEA-21 was adopted in 1998. Section 2105 of the Senate-passed bill would allow state and local transportation authorities to award contracts under the Intelligent Transportation Infrastructure Program (ITIP) to any qualified vendor they choose.

We believe that the arrangement with Traffic.com unnecessarily precludes other capable firms from providing traffic information to states. As such, we urge you to support the Senate language when TEA-LU is considered in conference.

Sincerely,



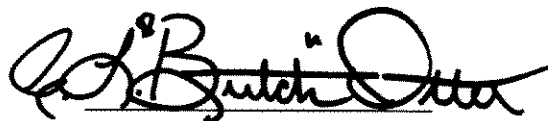
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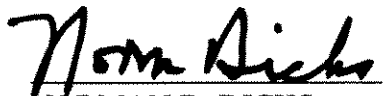
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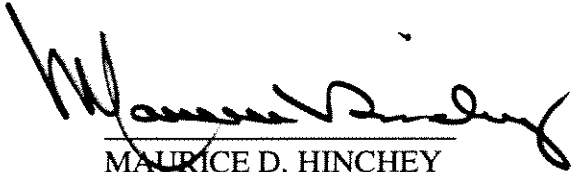
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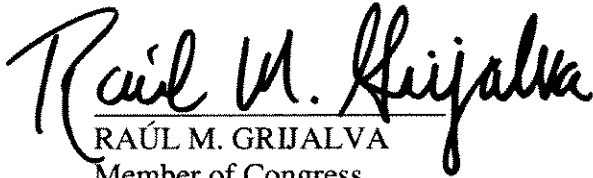
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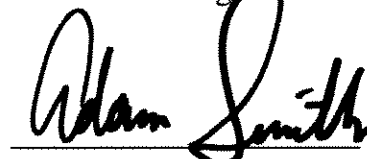
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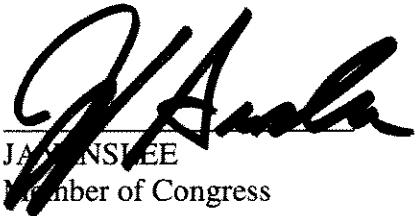
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