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- Point out issues where we can work together. 1) Key elements in ISTEA, 2) Safety, 3) Trucking Deregulation.

ISTEA

- In total, our capital grants programs have obligated almost \$10 billion.
- States have obligated 40% of total federal aid authority.
- Need your help in getting money out of the pipeline and into jobs in each state.
- Here's a chart that shows how each state is doing; updated today.
- Almost \$7 billion invested under Federal-aid highway program -- translates into more than 400,000 jobs.
- Transit projects: have obligated more than \$1.4 billion in formula grants -- 60% of available authority.
- AIP: obligated over \$500 million. Also new PFC program gives local communities authority to fund airport improvements -- 8 approved, processing 33 more.

SAFETY

- 41 states, Puerto Rico and D. C. have safety belt use laws. All states, Puerto Rico and D.C. have child passenger protection laws.
- States have tightened drunk driving laws ... ISTEA provides more for highway safety programs; 5 percent bonus points, a carrot for strong safety states.

REGULATORY REFORM

- Trucking Deregulation - We recently proposed legislation that would end federal economic trucking regulation and prohibit states from economic regulation of interstate motor carriers in intrastate operations.
- State legislatures can still deregulate themselves. Delaware and New Jersey never did regulate. Florida, Arizona, Wisconsin, Maine, Alaska and Vermont, have deregulated since 1980.
- Other 42 states are still regulated...This is a big drag on our domestic economy ... impedes our ability to compete in world markets ... Remaining state regulation costs consumers some \$3 to \$8 billion per year conservatively.

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