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Dear Honorable Bruce Rauner / Mr. J.B. Pritzker,

As leaders of major companies and organizations in the Chicagoland area, we believe it is important to enhance the state's transportation network to better meet the needs of today's employees and future generations. If re-elected governor, you will have the opportunity to make this happen.

Illinois' ability to attract new businesses and top talent to metropolitan Chicago is increasingly dependent on making the region walk, bike and transit-friendly. Despite recent progress, peer regions that compete with us for jobs move a larger share of people without cars via walking, biking and transit. In Chicago, only 37 percent of residents commute to work on foot, bike, train, or bus, as compared to 49 percent of commuters in Boston and San Francisco and 54 percent of D.C. residents. Other regions, like Denver and L.A., threaten to surpass metro Chicago with major new investments in public transit expansion.

Investments in walking, biking and transit enhance the safety, health, sustainability and equity of Illinois communities at a significantly lower cost than traditional roadway projects.

We as major business employers representing thousands of jobs in the Chicagoland area, are unanimous in calling for a reprioritization of transportation funding at the state level.

We call upon the next Illinois Governor to:

- **Commit to allocating a fair share of state transportation dollars for a new, dedicated Bike Walk Fund of at least 2 percent of state spending at the Illinois Department of Transportation.** This is in addition to federal funds programmed by IDOT for walking and biking.
- **Ensure IDOT prioritizes the safety of all roadway users over vehicle speed and throughput, including the incorporation and state-funding of biking, walking and transit facilities in state roadway projects.**

Our collective success as leaders of large and small companies is dependent on attracting talented workers and ensuring that they, along with our customers and clients, have quality, affordable transportation options to reach our businesses.

The state's transportation investments over the next four years will shape how Illinois residents get around for decades, while also affecting the health, equity, sustainability and desirability of our communities. We ask for your support of these goals should you be re-elected.



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