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**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 17-006**

101      **CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**  
102              **TO THE STATE.**

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1              WHEREAS, The state of Colorado must overcome a serious  
2 funding deficit to meet its obligation to build and maintain its roads and  
3 highways; and

4              WHEREAS, Every year, the federal government collects hundreds  
5 of millions of dollars of federal motor fuel tax revenue from Colorado,  
6 and the most recent data available indicates that over \$661 million was  
7 collected from Colorado and paid to the federal highway trust fund during  
8 the 2015 federal fiscal year; and

9              WHEREAS, When Colorado requests to receive this revenue back  
10 from the United States Department of Transportation, it is subject to

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 regulations, conditions, and increased costs due to federal restrictions;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Colorado and its local governments are tasked with  
4 maintaining up to seventy-five percent of the existing federal highway  
5 system within Colorado; and

6 WHEREAS, Colorado and its local governments understand better  
7 than the federal government how to manage and utilize transportation  
8 revenue and expenditures in order to address our rapidly changing  
9 infrastructure and transportation needs; and

10 WHEREAS, Colorado can establish a more efficient process for  
11 allocating both state and federal fuel tax revenue than the inefficient and  
12 time-consuming process of the United States Department of  
13 Transportation; now, therefore,

14 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly*  
15 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

16 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, urge the  
17 Congress of the United States to enact legislation devolving  
18 transportation decision-making authority and funding to the states, and  
19 that thereupon, the state will establish a Colorado State Highway Trust  
20 Fund to receive all federal motor fuel tax revenue collected by Colorado  
21 fuel distributors, which revenue shall no longer be credited to the federal  
22 highway trust fund.

23 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent  
24 to the President of the United States; the President of the United States  
25 Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the  
26 Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation; the  
27 Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Transportation and Infrastructure  
28 Committee of the United States House of Representatives and the  
29 Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee of the United States  
30 House of Representatives; Governor John Hickenlooper; and to each  
31 member of Colorado's congressional delegation.