It's Time For Bold Legislative Action To Fix Michigan's Crumbling Roads And Bridges, Says Michigan Chamber Of Commerce

LANSING, Mich., June 5, 2014 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The clock is ticking on the current legislative session and it's not acceptable for the State Legislature to adjourn for the summer recess without passing a comprehensive plan to fix Michigan's crumbling roads and bridges, says the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

"Providing transportation infrastructure is a core function of state government and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle need to come together and do what is right for Michigan," said Michigan Chamber President & CEO Rich Studley. "The condition of the state's crumbling roads and bridges has reached a crisis point and citizens deserve prompt action from elected officials."

"Michigan's hard-working families and job providers need lawmakers to act boldly and pass a meaningful road funding plan that will improve our infrastructure, save lives and create jobs," added Studley. "Failure to act will jeopardize Michigan's economic recovery and future competitiveness with other states."

According to a Marketing Resource Group poll released last month, voters consider the condition of Michigan roads and bridges, second only to jobs and the economy, the most important issue facing the state. The poll also found that a strong majority of voters would support spending additional monies on road funding.

"The public acknowledges that a real problem exists and it is critical that our elected leaders don't miss the opportunity to do what is right for Michigan by passing a legislative solution that takes effect immediately," noted Jim Holcomb, Senior Vice President for Business Advocacy at the Michigan Chamber. "We can't afford the delay, uncertainty of ballot proposals or waiting until next year for action."

"The time for action is now and we urge all lawmakers to get the job done before they adjourn for summer recess," concluded Holcomb.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 6,500 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber represents businesses of every size and type in all 83 counties of the state. Michigan Chamber member businesses provide jobs to 1.5 million residents. One of every 2.6 employees in Michigan works for a Chamber member firm. The Michigan Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process. It is one of only six state chambers accredited by the U.S. Chamber and one of only four state chambers accredited with distinction.

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