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## Federal Update – March 26, 2004

On Wednesday, March 24th the House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee in Washington, D.C. passed H.R. 3550 -- their TEA-21 Reauthorization bill. Next week, the full House of Representatives will consider H.R. 3550, but we need **YOUR** help today!

The version of HR 3550 that passed the House T&I Committee retains the current 90.5% minimum guarantee and actually **reduces** the scope of the highway program covered by the guarantee below the TEA-21 level. The result would be less guaranteed funding for core highway programs.

***This is a major step backwards for all states, and a terrible blow for donor equity for Florida!!***

We need **YOU** to immediately contact your U.S. House member and urge them to **support expected floor amendments** to increase both the minimum guarantee rate-of-return and the "scope" of the minimum guarantee provisions in HR 3550. (*These amendments are consistent with the positions taken by the vast majority of donor state members who have co-sponsored HR 2208 (DeLay/Hill) and signed the Congressman John Mica letter to Chairman Young and Ranking Member Oberstar.*)

***Please make contact ASAP, since a floor vote is expected as early as Wednesday, March 31st.***

If you're not sure how to quickly contact your Congressman, simply:

- go to our FBT website ([www.bettertransportation.org](http://www.bettertransportation.org)),
- scroll down to the "Contact Your Legislators" area in the right-hand bottom corner,
- type in your zip code, and
- click GO.

You will be taken to FTBA's Legislative Action page where -- if you scroll down just a bit -- your U.S. Representative will be listed. Click on their name and you'll immediately be routed to that Member of Congress' page containing info on how to contact them ... including a "hot link" e-mail option.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT...** so please don't delay. If you wait, it will be too late!

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