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Jenifer Croat
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Dear Jenifer:

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to hear your views regarding the Road Use Tax Fund. We appreciate you taking the time to express your views to us. We understand your concerns regarding this issue.

Public safety is our Administration's number one concern, particularly when it comes to the safety of our roads and highways. As the agency supervising the safety of our roads, the Iowa State Patrol must be financially supported in order to keep our roads safe. With the budget constraints the State is currently facing, an option that should be considered is transferring money from the Road Use Tax Fund to ensure we adequately fund the State Patrol.

The Constitution of the State of Iowa, in Article VII Section 8, states that "All motor vehicles registration fees and all licenses and excise taxes on vehicle fuel, except cost of administration, shall be used exclusively for the construction, maintenance and supervision of the public highways..." Both the State Patrol and the Department of Public Safety maintain the supervision of Iowa's public highways. Because of this, transferring money from the Road Use Tax Fund to financially support them coincides with the State Constitution.

We appreciate hearing from you regarding the road use tax. Please do not hesitate to contact us again with your thoughts. We value your input and will keep your ideas in mind as we move forward during the 2010 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,


Chester J. Culver
Governor of Iowa


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