WHEREAS, gas tax revenues continue to decline as vehicles become more fuel efficient, as more Americans drive alternative fuel cars and as travel patterns change nationwide; and

WHEREAS, a number of states have begun to experiment with alternatives to fuel taxes that seek to limit the erosion of revenues, that more accurately reflect the wear and tear of vehicles on the nation’s roads and that seek to uphold the “user pays, user benefits” model that has undergirded the nation’s transportation system for much of the past century; and

WHEREAS, Federal support for such state-level efforts could help ensure their success; and

WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures has proposed that Congress create a $20 million program to support state-level pilot programs to explore transportation funding alternatives to fuel taxes, with no more than $2 million available for allocation to any one state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Council of State Governments expresses its support for the NCSL proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Council of State Governments urges Congress to create this program in support of state-level transportation funding alternative pilot programs to ensure that transportation funding can evolve to better meet the nation’s transportation needs going forward.

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