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Transportation Unions Congratulate Transportation Secretary LaHood

WASHINGTON, DC – Edward Wytkind, president of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), issued the following statement to congratulate Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood upon Senate confirmation:

"Transportation unions congratulate Secretary LaHood on his new position and look forward to working with him.

"Secretary LaHood has a very important job. Our transportation infrastructure continues to crack and crumble because of decades of under-investment. Until recently, there has been a complete lack of urgency to do anything about it. But now, leaders now see this problem as a solution. Sec. LaHood will oversee investment that will help revive the economy and put people to work by rebuilding our infrastructure.

"We must protect American jobs, restore the rights of workers and implement long-overdue safety and security improvements. We look forward to working with the President and his new Transportation Secretary to restore our transportation system as an engine of economic growth and job creation."

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The Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, represents 32 member unions in the aviation, rail, transit, trucking, highway, longshore, maritime and related industries. For more information, visit www.ttd.org.