

**FROM: U.S. Senator Tom Carper and U.S. Senator Ted Kaufman**

**DATE: April 13, 2009**

**RE: Letter to Delawareans regarding ARRA transportation funding**

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*Dear Delawareans,*

*With the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), our state is presented with a great opportunity to rebuild and invest in numerous ways across Delaware, including in the area of transportation. The purpose of the ARRA is to create jobs that will put Americans back to work and get our economy back on track. That is why we supported this very important legislation, which will provide the State of Delaware with federal funding to meet these objectives. Like states throughout the country, Delaware's economy is struggling as unemployment and foreclosure rates continue to rise, and municipalities and not-forprofits increasingly find their resources limited. During our visits throughout the state, we have heard your concerns and are working hard in the United States Senate to help improve economic conditions here and across the nation.*

*We support the transportation improvements Delaware has identified, knowing they will create and sustain jobs and improve the transportation system as a whole. Delaware Governor Jack Markell and Secretary Carolann Wicks are to be commended for finding projects that support a wide range of transportation needs including road construction, congestion relief, economic development, public transportation and bicycle and pedestrian paths.*

*Many of these projects have been dreams for years and we are thrilled they are finally going to become reality. These projects will keep Delawareans safer, move people and goods more efficiently, and offer a wider array of public transit options for getting around our state. These plans, combined with the federal investment, mean more people, at more times, in more places will be able to travel efficiently throughout Delaware. In short, this is the kind of economic jump start we hoped for when we supported the economic recovery package.*

*We are confident DelDOT has a system in place to ensure these projects are delivered on time and on budget.*

*While Governor Markell, Lt. Governor Matt Denn and Secretary Wicks are doing an admirable job of keeping the public informed, if you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to call our offices. Senator Tom Carper can be reached at (302) 573-6291 and Senator Ted Kaufman at (302) 573-6345. Or, go online at <http://www.carper.senate.gov> and [recovery@kaufman.senate.gov](mailto:recovery@kaufman.senate.gov).*

*Details on all the proposed projects can be found on DelDOT's Web site at [www.deldot.gov](http://www.deldot.gov), under the "Recovery Project" tab, or the state Web site, [www.recovery.delaware.gov](http://www.recovery.delaware.gov).*