

## **SAMPLE LETTER**

2/1/2012

The Honorable [Click and insert full name] [Click and insert address and room number] [Click and insert City, State or DC and Zip]

Dear [Click and enter Representative or Senator and name],

As a member of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and your constituent, I am writing you today regarding H.R. 7, the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act. The Congressional Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has just released this act and all funding for the Safe Routes to School Act has been eliminated.

Eliminating the funding for this act will decrease local governments' ability to improve infrastructure around schools that would increase student safety. Due to decreased budgets and increases in fuel costs, school districts have limited and, in some cases eliminated, bus transportation resulting in more children walking and biking to school. In addition, children are encouraged to walk or bike as a strategy to fight childhood obesity. Ensuring safe routes to school is a crucial infrastructure need.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns. Once again I would like to encourage you to amend this bill during the mark up stage by reinserting funding for the Safe Routes to School Act.

Sincerely,
[Click and insert your name]
[Click and enter your address]