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Ryan Budget Resolution Will Ruin Already Failing Transportation System

WASHINGTON, DC – *Edward Wytkind, President of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), made the following statement regarding House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan's budget proposal for 2012:*

“Chairman Ryan’s budget is a blueprint to ruin the nation’s already failing transportation system. It is a recipe for massive job loss, reflects a total disregard for the needs of Americans who continue to suffer under high unemployment, and destroys any hope that America will finally address the well-documented deterioration of our transportation system and infrastructure.

“The transportation cuts in the Ryan Budget are especially irresponsible given the demonstrated ability of transportation investments to create and sustain millions of good jobs. The Ryan Plan would eliminate well over half a million transportation jobs and that number would soar higher with the loss of jobs in the related manufacturing, supplier and public sectors.

“Cuts on this scale would make this the generation that abandoned a national transportation system that can meet our national economic interests. This budget blueprint should be scrapped in favor of one that actually preserves vital services the American people need, boosts the economy and puts people to work.”

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