



State of  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

March 5, 2009

Mr. Ray LaHood, Secretary  
c/o Joel Szabat, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Transportation Policy  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Public Law 111-5—American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Dear Mr. LaHood:

To expedite the delivery of funds through Public Law 111-5, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), I, Governor John Hoeven of the great state of North Dakota, hereby submit certifications for ARRA sections 1201 and 1607 and delegate authority for section-1511 certifications, as required and allowed under the ARRA.

Under section 1201, I certify that the state of North Dakota will maintain its effort with regard to state funding for the types of projects that are funded under ARRA. North Dakota's state legislature is currently in session and discussing the July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011 budget. Therefore, the final state-funds budget for transportation projects may not be known until as late as the end of April 2009. However, I can assure you that the State will continue to invest in transportation as it has in the past.

Under section 1607, I certify that the state of North Dakota will request the use of ARRA funds and the funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth.

To the Director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation, I hereby delegate the authority to certify all surface transportation and transit projects under section 1511 of the ARRA.

The appropriate certification forms and signatures for sections 1201 and 1607 of the ARRA are enclosed.

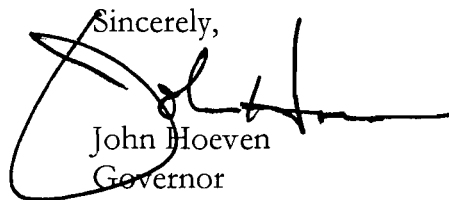
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North Dakota will effectively and efficiently utilize the funding provided by ARRA to create jobs and promote economic growth within our state and nation. If you have any questions or require additional information as it regards transportation and transit projects, please contact Mr. Francis G. Ziegler, PE, Director, North Dakota Department of Transportation, at (701) 328-2581 or 608 E Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND 58505.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hoeven", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

John Hoeven  
Governor

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Enclosures