The Coalition for Older Roadway User Safety (CORUS) urges the transportation authorization conference committee to act swiftly, before June 30, in crafting and passing a final report with a strong focus on roadway safety. CORUS, which was formed in 2009 to shine a spotlight on older driver and pedestrian safety, requests that the final conference committee report include language for older driver and pedestrian safety infrastructure upgrades through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Below are three specific items that CORUS would like the conference committee to address.

- CORUS recommends that the conference committee not include the repeal of the sign retroreflectivity upgrade deadlines. Just recently, the Federal Highway Administration issued its final rule on sign retroreflectivity which eliminates the deadlines for the sign upgrades. CORUS believes that Congress's inclusion of the repeal would be duplicative. The final rule can be viewed here.

- CORUS urges the committee to retain language in the final report which makes older driver and pedestrian safety infrastructure upgrades an eligible activity under the HSIP. This language was
included in both MAP-21 and the Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee-passed bill.

- CORUS also urges the committee to include the legislative text in MAP-21 which directs a state to reevaluate its Strategic Highway Safety Plan if that state’s older driver and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries increase over the most recent two-year period.

CORUS appreciates the efforts of all of the conferees and is willing to assist in any way possible in moving the process along. The coalition believes that this legislation will not only create jobs and strengthen the economy, but it will save lives each and every day.

Sincerely,

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American Traffic Safety Services Association
Easter Seals
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
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