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The Honorable Mark Kennedy  
United State House of Representatives  
1415 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Representative Kennedy,

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International commends you for introducing H.R. 1767, the Freeing Alternatives for Speedier Transportation (FAST) Act. BOMA International members strongly support this important legislation.

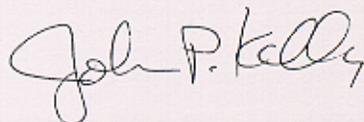
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We believe that states should have the flexibility to meet the local transportation needs of their citizens in a variety of ways. The FAST Act allows states another option in solving the transportation crisis that so many of them are currently facing. With overcrowded roads becoming more prevalent, this creates innovative options for funding interstate highways and could free money for use in maintaining existing infrastructure.

As commercial real estate professionals, we have an interest in our tenants' ability to reach our buildings quickly and safely. We applaud the mandated use of non-cash electronic technology. This will ensure the most efficient ways of keeping traffic moving will be used through typically congested toll areas.

Again, BOMA International thanks you for your leadership on this issue and strongly supports the passage of H.R. 1767. Please contact Lisa Hillyard, Manger of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, at (202) 326-6356 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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