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*****Vote Alert: Vote No on H.R. 5850, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act*****

The Center for Fiscal Accountability MAY RATE A VOTE FOR H.R. 5850

The Center for Fiscal Accountability urges all Members of the United States House of Representatives to vote NO on H.R. 5850, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act.

The bill totals \$67.4 billion in spending, significantly expanding appropriations made in 2008 – pre-bailout and “stimulus” - by over 38 percent. This does not take into account the \$13.61 billion already allocated to HUD in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. While 75 percent of the allocation was given to states and local recipients in February 2009, most of the states have not spent even half of the allocated funds. It is hugely irresponsible for Congress to pass this bill that funnels billions of dollars to the states when they haven’t spent the funds already provided to them.

What’s more, Amtrak continues to receive generous government subsidies in this bill, with allocations totaling \$1.77 billion, \$151.5 million above budget request. These funds are on top of \$1.3 billion doled out in “stimulus” grants while Amtrak continues to operate in the red.

**Taxpayers deserve better - vote NO on H.R. 5850, the Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2011**

*The Center for Fiscal Accountability MAY RATE a vote against H.R. 5850 in
our annual Congressional Ratings.*