



**Wisconsin Propane  
Gas Association**

November 2, 2015

Members of the Committee on Joint Finance:

On behalf of the members and Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Propane Gas Association, we respectfully request your support for Wisconsin Department of Transportation's funding request for \$200 million in general obligation bonds for the 2016 fiscal year and \$150 million in contingency bonding as provided for in the budget (Wis. Act 55) for 2017.

Funding for Wisconsin's Major Highway Development Program and the State Highway Rehabilitation Program is critical to the propane industry in our state. From propane suppliers, tankers and haulers, to delivery vehicles for residential, commercial and agricultural customers; we can't operate and stay in business without good roads.

The propane industry in Wisconsin is a very competitive industry. Not only do we compete with other propane marketers, we are also under assault from other competitors like natural gas. If the current list of road projects stall and future projects and maintenance are delayed, that would significantly hurt our businesses and those customers we serve.

More importantly, by not approving the funding you would negatively impact our industry and give an economic boost to our direct competitor, natural gas. Remember, propane is transported and delivered by truck; natural gas is delivered by pipelines. In a competitive industry, the last thing we need are unfinished road projects and uncertainties about our infrastructure while having the legislature inadvertently help our competitors.

We know that borrowing and bonding may not be some legislators' first choice, but we need this to happen without waiting years for a long-term solution to be developed. We would be very interested to help contribute to the discussion when the time comes.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our Managing Director, Brandon Scholz at [brandon@capgroupwi.com](mailto:brandon@capgroupwi.com) or (608) 335-8500.

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