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**US CHAMBER PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES PLANS TO REBUILD AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE AT 2007 TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT**

*"Let's Rebuild America" Initiative to Educate Public and Build Support for Increased Investments in Nation's Infrastructure*

**IRVING, Texas** – August 13, 2007 – U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Thomas J. Donohue today announced a new initiative to build support for private and public investment in our nation's deteriorating transportation, energy and water systems.

Donohue spoke at the closing luncheon of the 2007 Transportation Summit, which is held annually in Irving, Texas, and draws hundreds of local, regional, national and international transportation executives, elected officials and business leaders. In describing the new initiative, Donohue implored the business community to unite and lead the way in the "urgent and compelling mission to rebuild America."

"We can create American jobs, reduce congestion, clean the air, succeed in a global economy, and save thousands of innocent lives by expanding both private and public investment in our infrastructure," said Donohue.

The U.S. Chamber will organize, fund and lead the multimillion-dollar initiative, "Let's Rebuild America," which will assess and document the current state of our nation's infrastructure, educate citizens and policymakers about the benefits of increased infrastructure – and the high costs of failure to act, and identify ways to increase both private and public funding, through establishing public-private partnerships and stopping the diversion of infrastructure funds to other programs.

"This is an important message for our businesses, our government leaders and the general public," said Chris Wallace, president and CEO of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, which co-hosted the Transportation Summit. "We need to engage people at all levels in the dialogue about, and solutions to, the infrastructure crisis we are facing."

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