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USMI Statement on Highway Bill Passage

Statement by Lindsey Johnson, President and Executive Director of USMI

"USMI applauds the conference agreement for a multi-year surface transportation authorization bill, one that importantly continues to reject the use of mortgage credit risk guarantee fees (g-fees) charged by the housing finance enterprises, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, as a source to finance the extension of federal highway programs.

USMI members are grateful that Congress refrained from adding an additional fee to mortgages for unrelated expenses, which would pose undue and unnecessary costs to current and future homeowners."

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