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OBAMA: U.S. NEEDS INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT NOW

U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL), Democratic nominee for U.S. President told The National Industrial Transportation League (League) in an October 25 communication that, "we must act now to ensure our nation's future competitiveness by investing in infrastructure and a clean energy future." The response was made to identical letters that were sent late last month by League President Bruce Carlton to both major U.S. Presidential candidates asking them what they would do to address the problems of the nation's freight transportation infrastructure.

Obama told League members that we must act now to, "reduce the transportation costs of our nation's business by rebuilding our crumbling highways, roads, bridges, ports air and train systems." The Senator outlined his proposal to help pay for these programs through the creation of a, "National Infrastructure Reinvestment Bank' financed with \$60 billion over 10 years, to expand and enhance, not replace, existing federal transportation investments."

He went on to talk about the importance of both rail and water transport as modes to help to reduce congestion on highways and support economic growth.

Finally, Senator Obama offered to invest in new sources of clean renewable sources of energy to create new jobs (estimated 5 million) and help "end our dependence on oil from Middle East dictators."

To date, the League has not received a response from Senator John McCain (R-AZ).

For a complete copy of Senator Obama's response, click here:
http://www.nitl.org/OBAMA_NITL10-25-08.pdf

The League is an association of companies that conducts industrial and/or commercial shipping throughout the United States and internationally. Founded in 1907, the League is one of the oldest and largest associations representing some 700 member companies involved with the transport of all kinds of freight in domestic and international commerce.