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### **Statement by Gov. Christie Whitman Opposing Chaffee/Warner/Baucus ISTEA Bill**

"This bill would be devastating to New Jersey, to the region, and to the Country's national transportation system. Although it has been improved somewhat, New Jersey cannot support the bill unless it's substantially changed.

"The legislation fails to allocate transportation funding based on need, which ISTEA currently does. ISTEA works because it supports a national transportation system, which is precisely what it was designed to do.

"We will continue to work closely with the New Jersey Congressional Delegation and the Congressional leadership to ensure that New Jersey and this region receive the funding necessary to properly maintain our heavily used transportation infrastructure."

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