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## Rhetoric Tracker

**Directions:** Read the nonfiction speech excerpt. Find examples of rhetorical strategies and label each one.

As a civil engineer with twenty years of experience designing public bridges, I can say with confidence that infrastructure decisions shape the safety of our communities. When a bridge fails, it is not just steel that collapses; it is families, jobs, and lives that are affected. Data from national safety reports shows that regular inspections reduce structural failures by over forty percent. We must inspect, we must maintain, and we must protect what connects us. Ignoring this responsibility is like skipping oil changes and expecting a car to run forever.

Match each strategy to a **direct quote** from the passage.

1. **Logos** (logic or evidence):

Quote: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Ethos** (credibility or expertise):

Quote: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Pathos** (emotion):

Quote: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Analogy** (comparison to explain an idea):

Quote: \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Repetition** (repeated words or structure for emphasis):

Quote: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reflection Question:** Which rhetorical strategy do you think is the **most persuasive** in this passage? Explain why.