

INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING GROUP

September 30, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

As a participant of the Infrastructure Working Group, we urge bipartisan action to address our nation's long-standing infrastructure deficit. As this challenge persists and worsens, we encourage you to move a long-term, robustly funded surface transportation reauthorization ahead of the September 30, 2020 deadline in order to avoid costly delays that slow construction schedules and make important projects more costly and more difficult to complete.

Substantial and long-term investments in all kinds of infrastructure are needed to expand our economy, grow jobs and compete globally. We appreciate strong bipartisan support for various infrastructure initiatives over the years and hope momentum recently initiated by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee can lead to a successful, bipartisan surface transportation reauthorization.

Joined together to advance meaningful investment in the structures and systems that link our communities, country and commerce, the Infrastructure Working Group has long called for a federal infrastructure package that accomplishes six key principles. We urge the Senate to include these priorities:

- Significantly increase direct federal investments in infrastructure;
- Fix chronic challenges and address reoccurring shortages in key federal infrastructure accounts such as the Highway Trust Fund;
- Complement and strengthen existing tools, such as municipal bonds, that successfully deliver infrastructure investments at the federal, state and local levels;
- Facilitate opportunities for private investment in U.S. infrastructure;
- Create efficiencies such as accelerating the federal permitting process, while continuing to provide environmental protections, and;
- Encourage active participation among all levels of government and between public and private sectors without shifting federal responsibilities because no single partner can deliver a well-functioning, national U.S. infrastructure network driven by a long-term vision and funding stability.

The diverse voices from manufacturers to labor, construction to technology, agriculture to retailers and finance to local/state government are united by these principles. We are pleased that the America's Transportation and Infrastructure Act includes several of these principles and urge other committees of jurisdiction continue to advance the legislative process and include our principles. Passing a robust, long-term, on-time surface transportation bill is necessary to meet

current infrastructure needs and begin to mitigate our nation's infrastructure deficit. We look forward to working with you to deliver meaningful investments in the foundation that connects our nation's families and free enterprise.

Sincerely,

Aerospace Industries Association
Agricultural Retailers Association
Airports Council International - North America
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
American Association of Port Authorities
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
American Bakers Association
American Boiler Manufacturers Association (ABMA)
American Chemistry Council
American Coatings Association, Inc.
American Concrete Pavement Association
American Concrete Pipe Association
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Forest & Paper Association
American Foundry Society
American Highway Users Alliance
American Institute of Architects
American Iron and Steel Institute
American Pet Products Association
American Petroleum Institute
American Public Power Association
American Public Transportation Association
American Public Works Association
American Road & Transportation Builders Association
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Soybean Association
American Supply Association
American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA)
American Trucking Associations
American Wire Producers Association
American Wood Council
AMT - The Association For Manufacturing Technology
Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated General Contractors of America
Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI)
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Auto Care Association
Bond Dealers of America
BPC Action
Brick Industry Association
Building America's Future
Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors

Commercial Vehicle Training Association
Common Good
Composite Panel Association
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
Construction Management Association of America
Corn Refiners Association
Edison Electric Institute
Equipment Dealers Association
Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, International
Geosynthetic Materials Association
Global Cold Chain Alliance
Government Finance Officers Association
Grocery Manufacturers Association
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association
Industrial Fasteners Institute
Industrial Minerals Association - North America
Institute of Makers of Explosives
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute
International Association of Fire Chiefs
International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association
International Union of Operating Engineers
Irrigation Association
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA)
Laborers International Union of North America
Metal Powder Industries Federation
Metal Treating Institute
Metals Service Center Institute
Motorcycle Industry Council
Motorcycle Safety Foundation
National Asphalt Pavement Association
National Association of Bond Lawyers
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Association of Counties
National Association of County Engineers
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of REALTORS®
National Association of Regional Councils
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Concrete Masonry Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Electrical Contractors Association
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
National Fastener Distributors Association
National Grain And Feed Association
National League of Cities
National Lime Association (NLA)
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Milk Producers Federation

National Oilseed Processors Association
National Precast Concrete Association
National Private Truck Council
National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (NRC)
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Retail Federation
National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS)
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc.
National Utility Contractors Association
National Waste & Recycling Association
National Wooden Pallet and Container Association
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)
North American Deck and Railing Association
North American Millers' Association
North America's Building Trades Unions
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute
Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI)
Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association
Plastics Industry Association
Plastics Pipe Institute
Plumbing Manufacturers International
Portland Cement Association
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
Rail Passengers Association
Railway Supply Institute
Railway Tie Association
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
Retail Industry Leaders Association
RV Industry Association
Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association
Security Industry Association
Specialty Tools & Fasteners Distributors Association
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America
Steel Manufacturers Association
Subsurface Utility Engineering Association
The Aluminum Association
The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry (INDA)
The Fertilizer Institute
The Independent Packaging Association (AICC)
The Real Estate Roundtable
The United States Conference of Mayors
Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO
Travel Goods Association (TGA)
Treated Wood Council
TRSA
U.S. Geospatial Executives Organization
U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association
United Association of Plumbers & Fitters
Vinyl Institute

Water Infrastructure Network (WIN)
Western Wood Preservers Institute