

January 3, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Majority Leader U.S. Senate

The Honorable Charles Schumer Minority Leader U.S. Senate The Honorable Paul Ryan Speaker U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Minority Leader U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Ryan and Minority Leaders Schumer and Pelosi:

We are a broad collection of associations and organizations working with all levels of government to address our nation's infrastructure deficit. We encourage you to develop and advance an infrastructure investment package that will improve the safety, reliability and efficiency of our nation's infrastructure.

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 that past momentum can sustain a more substantial commitment to meet the needs of our economy.

We believe that infrastructure must continue to be a leading priority of the 115th Congress and address the following goals:

- Increases direct federal investments, in a broad range of infrastructure sectors over 10 years to achieve a \$1 trillion investment,
- Complements and strengthens existing tools, such as municipal bonds, that successfully deliver infrastructure investments at the federal, state and local levels,
- Facilitates opportunities for private investment in U.S. infrastructure,
- Creates efficiencies such as accelerating the federal permitting process,
- Fixes chronic challenges and addresses reoccurring shortages in key federal infrastructure accounts such as the Highway Trust Fund, and;
- Encourages active participation among all levels of government and between the 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.

Passing a comprehensive package that transforms U.S. infrastructure systems beyond the status quo is necessary to maintain U.S. economic competitiveness. We urge you to work across the aisle to develop a proposal that ensures U.S. infrastructure is second to none.

Sincerely,

Airports Council International - North America American Apparel and Footwear Association American Association of Port Authorities American Association of State Highway and **Transportation Officials** American Bakers Association American Coatings Association American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute American Composites Manufacturers Association American Concrete Pipe Association American Council of Engineering Companies American Farm Bureau Federation American Forest & Paper Association American Gas Association American Highway Users Alliance American Home Furnishings Alliance American Institute of Architects American Investment Council American Iron and Steel Institute American Petroleum Institute American Planning Association American Public Transportation Association American Public Works Association (APWA) American Road & Transportation Builders Association American Society of Civil Engineers American Supply Association American Traffic Safety Services Association American Wind Energy Association American Wire Producers Association American Wood Council AMT - The Association for Manufacturing Technology Associated Equipment Distributors Associated General Contractors of America Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI) Association of Equipment Manufacturers Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations **Bakery Equipment Manufacturers & Allieds**

International Housewares Association International Union of Operating Engineers Irrigation Association Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association Laborers Int. Union of North America (LIUNA) League of American Bicyclists Metals Service Center Institute Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association **MPIF** National Asphalt Pavement Association National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) National Association of Counties National Association of Manufacturers National Association of Regional Councils National Association of Trailer Manufacturers National Corn Growers Association National Electrical Contractors Association National Grain and Feed Association National Ground Water Association National Hispanic Construction Association National Industrial Sand Association National League of Cities National Lime Association National Lumber and Building Material **Dealers Association** National Marine Manufacturers Association National Oilseed Processors Association National Precast Concrete Association National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association (NRC) National Retail Federation National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association National Utility Contractors Association National Waste & Recycling Association National Wooden Pallet and Container Association Non-Ferrous Founders' Society North America's Building Trades Unions **Outdoor Power Equipment Institute Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association Plastics Industry Association Plastics Pipe Institute**

Bond Dealers of America Brick Industry Association **Building America's Future** Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors Common Good Composite Panel Association Construction Management Association of America **Consumer Specialty Products Association Copper & Brass Fabricators Council** Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, International Fashion Accessories Shippers Association (FASA) Gemini Shippers Association Hydraulic Institute INDA, The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry Industrial Minerals Association - North America Institute of Makers of Explosives Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute International Bottled Water Association International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA)

Plumbing Manufacturers International Portland Cement Association Power Transmission Distributors Association **Rail Passengers Association Railway Engineering-Maintenance Suppliers** Association (REMSA) **Railway Supply Institute Resilient Floor Covering Institute Retail Industry Leaders Association** Security Industry Association SIFMA The Adhesive and Sealant Council The Design-Build Institute of America The Fertilizer Institute The United States Conference of Mayors Travel Goods Association (TGA) **Treated Wood Council** TRSA - The Linen, Uniform and Facility Services Association U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association U.S. Travel Association **US Water Alliance** Vinyl Institute Waterways Council, Inc.

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