January 3, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate

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 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 (AIAl)
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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