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The Hon. Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Hon. Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators McConnell and Schumer:

We're Building A
Better America!

The 31 national associations and construction trade unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) support the recently released study, *Renewing Our Commitment to the Interstate Highway System: A Foundation for the Future*. This study makes a strong case for Congress to pass an infrastructure package that increases investment in our roads and bridges.

Commissioned by the FAST Act, the study was sponsored by the National Academies of Sciences (NAS) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and found that an investment of between \$45 and \$70 billion in federal and state funding over the next 20 years is needed to renew and modernize the Interstate system. The report makes the case that this level of investment will also help the existing Interstate system keep pace with an expected population growth of 70 million people by 2045.

In highlighting the need to increase investment in our surface transportation, the report reinforces the necessity for Congress to be proactive in passing legislation to not only shore up the Highway Trust Fund but also anticipate the future demand that will be placed on the nation's transportation network. The TCC supports a number of the recommendations made by the report, in particular the need to pass a permanent, dedicated, user-based revenue stream to support increased transportation investments through an increase in the gas tax and indexing the gas tax for inflation going forward or moving to a vehicles miles traveled system.

If the long-term certainty of funding for the Highway Trust Fund is not resolved, states will be forced to scale back the construction of their transportation assets. As a result states would fail to meet the growing demands placed on their systems, which in turn would be felt by the greater U.S. economy. The TCC asks you to build on the recommendations made in this report by passing legislation that makes a meaningful investment in the nation's transportation system.

Members of the TCC urge you to advance an infrastructure bill to address the shortfalls in investment in our transportation system highlighted in the report. Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition

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American Road & Transportation Builders Association (co-chair) ■
Associated General Contractors of America (co-chair) ■
American Coal Ash Association ■
American Concrete Pavement Association ■
American Concrete Pipe Association ■
American Council of Engineering Companies ■
American Subcontractors Association ■
American Iron and Steel Institute ■
American Society of Civil Engineers ■
American Traffic Safety Services Association ■
Asphalt Emulsion Manufacturers Association ■
Asphalt Recycling & Reclaiming Association ■
Associated Equipment Distributors ■
Association of Equipment Manufacturers ■
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute ■
International Slurry Surfacing Association ■
International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers ■
International Union of Operating Engineers ■
Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust ■
Laborers' International Union of North America ■
National Asphalt Pavement Association ■
National Association of Surety Bond Producers ■
National Electrical Contractors Association ■
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association ■
National Steel Bridge Alliance ■
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association ■
National Utility Contractors Association ■
Portland Cement Association ■
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute ■
The Road Information Program ■
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America