September 15, 2017

Dear Leader McCarthy:

On April 28, 2017, Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 was signed into law. This legislative package invests $54 billion over the next decade to fix roads, freeways, bridges and public transit in communities across California. SB 1 would provide a 50-50 split between state and local projects and is consistent with the Trump Administration’s call for state and local governments to meet their respective transportation needs.

While passing SB 1 took political courage, there are some in California who are calling for a repeal of SB 1 to be on the ballot in November 2018. In fact, it has come to our attention that members of the California Republican delegation are considering formally supporting such an effort. The Transportation Construction Coalition joins with our California affiliates in vigorously opposing such ballot efforts and encourages you and your fellow Republicans to do the same.

California, like 25 other states, has increased funding for their transportation infrastructure needs in the absence of a long-term federal commitment to addressing the structural imbalance plaguing the Highway Trust Fund. Our nation’s transportation funding challenges are well documented and the only way to address them is to increase funding at all levels of government while also encouraging greater private investment where appropriate. Repeal of SB 1 is ill advised and ignores the transportation infrastructure needs of California.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition