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Hon. Charles Schumer
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Dear Congressional Leadership,

On behalf of the 31 national trade associations and labor unions, we urge you to repeal the \$7.6 billion rescission of federal highway contract authority set to occur on July 1, 2020 as required by the FAST Act, the current surface transportation law. We request that you take this action as part of the next Continuing Resolution or another piece of legislation moving before the end of the year.

The rescission adversely impacts all 50 states and the District of Columbia by limiting their flexibility to address their transportation needs and possibly jeopardizing critical federal investments in the nation's transportation infrastructure. A recent Congressional Research Service report on the rescission said, "This uncertainty as well as the potential loss of funding could disrupt the planning and delivery of highway projects." The report also makes clear the rescission impacts the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization bill because it will lower the baseline for federal funding in subsequent fiscal years.

Given the most recent estimate by the Council of Economic Advisors that suggests each \$1 billion of highway investment creates at least 13,000 direct and indirect jobs in the United States, this rescission will likely have real world employment impacts. Coupled with the estimate by the American Society of Civil Engineers of the \$836 billion backlog in highway and bridge needs and that one of five roads in the United States are in poor condition, the rescission should not be left unaddressed.

We look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition

Cc: All U.S. House and Senate