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Majority Leader Charles Schumer
United States Senate
Washington, D.C 20510

Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C 20510

AGC KEY VOTE: Vote “YES” on the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*

Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America, the largest national commercial construction trade association, representing more than 27,000 firms including America’s leading general contractors, specialty contractors, service providers, and suppliers, I urge you to vote “YES” on final passage of the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*. **Due to the positive economic effect this legislation will have on our industry, AGC intends to record your vote as a KEY VOTE for the education of its members.**

At a critical time when our nation’s physical infrastructure systems are in need of generational upgrades and investment, this legislation contains many elements that AGC believes are necessary for preparing the future. We are pleased that this bill provides a five-year authorization and record levels of investment in our nation’s transportation infrastructure. This robust, stable funding level will allow states to plan needed, long-term projects, while giving AGC members the assurance to make needed investments in equipment and hiring and training new employees. Accordingly, the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* will create a significant number of new construction career opportunities that pay well above jobs in other industries.

The bill also includes significant provisions to streamline the federal environmental review and permitting processes in ways that reduce administrative redundancies without jeopardizing substantive environmental protections. Americans expect that increased investment in infrastructure will lead to sustainable projects in their communities being completed more expeditiously.

The past year has proven why we must continue to invest in our nation’s physical infrastructure. Americans were able to buy groceries, healthcare facilities able to receive essential medical supplies, first responders able to arrive to work, and vaccines able to be distributed across the country. Investment in such infrastructure is critical to the safety and health of our country.

Again, AGC urges you to vote “YES” on the bill and intends to record the vote as a key vote. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Christianson
Vice President, Government Affairs

Cc: All members of the United States Senate