

Dear Secretary Clinton:

As you prepare to become the 45th President of the United States, this broad coalition working with all levels of government to solve our nation's infrastructure deficit, including business and labor, shares your concern about the condition of our nation's transportation infrastructure. We thank you for your commitment to provide additional resources for infrastructure. Our industries stand ready to work with you to ensure any new infrastructure investment proposal you offer has the greatest possible impact on our nation's economy and transportation network.

On December 4, 2015 President Obama signed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act authorizing federal highway and public transportation programs through September 30, 2020. While the FAST Act and its predecessor, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), have greatly improved the effectiveness and efficiency of our federal surface transportation programs, neither piece of legislation made any progress towards ensuring the long-run solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. Instead lawmakers ignored the problem by making a series of last-minute transfers from the U.S. Treasury General Fund to the Highway Trust Fund to the tune of \$140 billion since 2008. Additionally, these laws failed to increase the federal excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel or create any new sustainable revenue sources for the Highway Trust Fund, the main funding source for federal highway and transit investment. The resulting uncertainty has had dramatic negative effects on the ability of state and local governments to plan, fund, and construct transportation projects. As a consequence, the economy has missed an opportunity to increase good paying jobs and has hampered America's economic competitiveness.

Throughout your campaign you have expressed support for dramatic increases in infrastructure investment, which we all agree should be a top priority of the next Administration. We applaud you for your vision and willingness to address the infrastructure deficit, and we believe that an infrastructure package needs to include, as a foundation, additional sustainable revenue to ensure the permanent solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. The additional revenue sources must be long-term, reliable, dedicated, and focused on the users and beneficiaries of our transportation network to support the increased investment provided under your infrastructure proposal.

Finally, we stand ready to offer our collective expertise to assist you and your staff in formulating and implementing your infrastructure agenda to ensure the future viability of our nation's transportation system. Transportation infrastructure investment routinely garners broad bipartisan support from Congress, and our organizations are a small sample of the diverse coalition of stakeholders willing to join you in securing a long overdue and meaningful transportation infrastructure investment plan.

Again, thank you for your commitment to strengthening our nation's economy and improving America's competitiveness through significant investment in our transportation infrastructure. We look forward to working with you to achieve this critical milestone.

Sincerely,

U.S. Chamber of Commerce
National Association of Manufacturers
National Retail Federation

Associated General Contractors of America
American Road & Transportation Builders Association
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

AAA

U.S. Travel Association

American Trucking Associations

International Union of Operating Engineers

Laborers International Union of North America

Building America's Future

National Retail Industry Leaders Association

American Public Transportation Association

American Council of Engineering Companies

American Highway Users Alliance

American Iron and Steel Institute

American Public Works Association

American Society of Civil Engineers

American Moving & Storage Association

American Concrete Pavement Association

American Concrete Pipe Association

Associated Equipment Distributors

Association of Equipment Manufacturers

American Traffic Safety Services Association

National Asphalt Paving Association

National Association of Regional Councils

National Electrical Contractors Association

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

National Stone Sand and Gravel Association

National Utility Contractors Association

PeopleForBikes – Business Network

The Association of Union Constructors