

Dear Mr. Trump:

As you prepare to become the 45<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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  
American Traffic Safety Services Association  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
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