

January 19, 2020

The Honorable Maria Cantwell Chairman Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Roger Wicker Ranking Member Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: AGC Support for Confirmation of Pete Buttigieg as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation

Dear Chairman Cantwell and Ranking Member Wicker:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), the leading association in the construction industry representing more than 27,000 firms, including America's leading general contractors and specialty-contracting firms, I write to express our support for your committee's expedient consideration of the nomination of Pete Buttigieg to serve as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

At a time when our nation is experiencing an unprecedented pandemic that has brought about much economic uncertainty, it is paramount that USDOT have a leader to ensure that the needs of our nation's transportation system are met. We believe Mr. Buttigieg's experience will allow him to bring a unique perspective to the Department, and we are assured he will help fulfill President-elect Biden's stated intention to prioritize rebuilding our nation's infrastructure.

As the 117th Congress gets underway, AGC is ready to work with the incoming Biden Administration and Congress on legislation to return the nation's infrastructure to world class status, and the quick confirmation of Mr. Buttigieg is key to getting that process started. Again, AGC urges you to consider and favorably report out Mr. Buttigieg's nomination from your committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Sandherr Chief Executive Officer

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Cc: All members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation