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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: AGC Support for H.R. 5687, the *Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief and Puerto Rico Disaster Tax Relief Act, 2020*

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), I write to express our support for H.R. 5687, the *Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief and Puerto Rico Disaster Tax Relief Act, 2020*. This measure will provide supplemental funding to disaster relief and recovery efforts that will help restore, improve, and build critical infrastructure.

AGC members are working side-by-side with their fellow citizens in Puerto Rico to rebuild areas affected by recent natural disasters. The funding provided in this legislation will continue to help rebuild the impacted communities and restore the critical infrastructure necessary to return a sense of normalcy for millions of people. In addition, the bill provides \$1.25 billion for the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program—funding that will repair roads and bridges not only in Puerto Rico, but also in states across the country that have been damaged by recent natural disasters and other catastrophic events.

In the recent past, Congress supplied needed funding to parts of the nation devastated by natural disasters. Although AGC fully recognizes the budgetary constraints Congress must consider, under these circumstances, the precedent for providing communities with funding to help recover from and prevent against the destruction caused by natural disasters cannot be ignored.

As such, AGC strongly supports H.R. 5687 and urges you to support this measure as it comes to the House floor for consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cc: All members of the U.S. House of Representatives