

July 24, 2026

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

The federal government's investment in our nation's transportation network provides immense value to the American public. Accordingly, we write to urge you to preserve the total FY 2026 enacted funding levels, regardless of previous funding source, for our transportation programs as part of any short-term government funding measure or surface transportation program extension.

Passing a clean continuing resolution that maintains total FY 2026 transportation investment levels would allow long-overdue improvements to continue without interruption, while work on FY 2027 appropriations and a multi-year surface transportation reauthorization continues.

Any policy or funding modifications to these transportation programs, including to the advanced appropriations, represents a policy change that undermines important investments already underway at the State and local level, and should only be considered as part of the comprehensive debate that occurs during the reauthorization process. Furthermore, investment reductions to the transportation programs—even if temporary—would inject uncertainty into state and local planning efforts, thereby jeopardizing safety improvements and creating downstream impacts across the economy.

When Congress supports federal transportation investment, every community stands to benefit with enhanced mobility, safer commutes, and a strong economy. We look forward to working with you to achieve these outcomes with strong congressional support for transportation.

Sincerely,

American Road & Transportation Builders Association
Associated General Contractors of America
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
American Public Transportation Association

CC: The Honorable Susan Collins, Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Patty Murray, Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on Appropriations