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Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Barrasso, Ranking Member Carper, Chairwoman Capito, and Ranking Member Cardin:

On behalf of America's public transportation industry, which contributes \$71 billion to the U.S. economy, directly employs 430,000 workers, and supports millions of private-sector jobs, I write to strongly support your leadership in moving forward with S. ____, the "America's Transportation Infrastructure Act of 2019" (ATIA).

ATIA provides \$287 billion over five years for highway infrastructure investment. This effort is a great first step to achieving a surface transportation authorization act that addresses the pending shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund (including the Mass Transit Account), provides the necessary resources to bring highway and public transit systems to a state of good repair, and meets growing community demands for increased mobility choices.

We strongly support your efforts to repeal the highway contract authority rescission of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) (P.L. 114-94) and we urge Congress to address both this rescission and the public transit Rostenkowski Test rescission as soon as possible. Congress needs to increase investment in all of our nation's surface transportation infrastructure, not cut it.

The Honorable John Barrasso, Thomas R. Carper, Shelley Moore Capito, and Ben Cardin

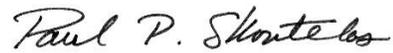
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We commend you for the work you have done to move this process forward in a bipartisan way. We look forward to working with you and your companion committees as the bill moves forward in the Senate to achieve our goal of enacting a long-term surface transportation act that significantly increases investment in public transportation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul P. Skoutelas".

Paul P. Skoutelas
President and CEO