

April 11, 2019

The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Richard Neal  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways & Means  
United States House of Representatives

Chairmen DeFazio and Neal:

Thank you for your commitment to addressing the growing national crisis caused by our country's decaying infrastructure. We commend you for holding meaningful hearings to shine a light on the negative impact that chronic underinvestment in infrastructure is having on our economy and the safety of the motoring public. The time is now to move forward on much overdue infrastructure modernization.

If the United States is to continue to be that "shining city on a hill" in this century – that beacon of hope and opportunity around the world for anyone who aspires for a better life – then the roads, bridges and transit systems into that city cannot be marked with potholes, collapsing bridges and failing track. America's economic and social strength throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century was driven by investments in infrastructure championed by Presidents Roosevelt, Eisenhower and Reagan. However, that leadership position is now threatened by inaction on the much-needed modernization of an infrastructure network essential to continue our nation's global dominance.

The undersigned associations and organizations, representing the men and women of both American business and labor, urge you to act on the immediate need to fix our nation's crumbling infrastructure. We stand prepared to work side-by-side with Congress and the Administration to get this much needed job done.

We urge you to move forward and take bold action now; waiting is not an option. We urge you to look to the 35 state legislatures and governors who have shown it is not only possible to fund infrastructure, but it is a winning political issue. As you continue down this legislative process, we support these core basic principles for the infrastructure legislation you are developing:

- It must address the current crisis and invest in the future;
- It must be funded with real money, not gimmicks;
- It must provide the vision and the bridge to ensure that transportation in five, 10 or 20 years has an appropriate system of user fees and funding that matches the vehicles and society of that future;
- It must provide resiliency of our transportation networks; and
- It must support the jobs of today and the future with funding and programs to match.

The last President to increase the federal user fee on fuel was Bill Clinton, and the last to directly appeal to the country to fund infrastructure was Ronald Reagan. We call on you now to show that same political courage and offer you the strong support of our organizations and the millions of Americans who are depending on you.

Sincerely,

## **National Organizations**

AFL-CIO  
Agriculture & Food Transporters Conference  
American Apparel & Footwear Association  
American Association of Port Authorities  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Public Transportation Association  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Trucking Associations  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated General Contractors  
Associated Wire Rope Fabricators  
Association For Manufacturing Technology  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations  
Automobile Carriers Conference  
CCIM Institute  
Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors  
Government Freight Conference  
Intermodal Association of North America  
Intermodal Motor Carriers Conference  
International Union of Operating Engineers  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
Laborers International Union of North America  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Association of Counties  
National Association of County Engineers  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Surety Bond Producers  
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers  
National Lime Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association  
National Tank Truck Carriers  
Owner Operator Independent Drivers Association  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
The Toy Association  
United Fresh Produce Association  
United States Chamber of Commerce

## **State and Local Organizations**

Alabama Trucking Association, Inc.  
Alaska Trucking Association, Inc.  
Ames Chamber of Commerce  
AR State Chamber/AIA  
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Arizona Trucking Association  
Arkansas Trucking Association  
Association of Washington Business  
Auburn Chamber of Commerce  
Baton Rouge Area Chamber  
Baytown Chamber of Commerce  
Billings Chamber of Commerce  
Boise Metro Chamber  
Brewster Chamber of Commerce, Inc.  
Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Buffalo Niagara Partnership  
California Association of Boutique & Breakfast Inns  
California Hotel & Lodging Association  
California Trucking Association  
Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber  
Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber  
Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce  
Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce  
Capital Region Chamber  
Carson City Chamber of Commerce  
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance  
Central Maryland Chamber  
Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama  
Chamber Southwest Louisiana  
Chandler Chamber of Commerce  
Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce  
Chemung County Chamber of Commerce  
Chester county chamber  
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber  
Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce  
Coeur d Alene Chamber of Commerce  
Colorado Motor Carriers Association  
Delaware Motor Transport Assoc. Inc.  
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce  
Dooly County Chamber of Commerce  
Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce  
Eastham Chamber of Commerce

Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce  
Falmouth Chamber of Commerce  
Florida Chamber of Commerce  
Florida Trucking Association, Inc.  
Fort Bend Chamber  
Forward Janesville, Inc.  
Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Georgia Motor Trucking Association, Inc.  
Glendale Chamber of Commerce  
Glendora Chamber Legislative Action Committee  
Granbury Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Des Moines Partnership  
Greater Green Bay Chamber  
Greater Houston Partnership  
Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Louisville Inc.  
Greater Oklahoma City Chamber  
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce  
Greeley Area Chamber of Commerce  
Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce  
Harwich Chamber of Commerce  
Helena Area Chamber of Commerce  
Henderson County Chamber of Commerce  
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce  
Hotel Association of Los Angeles  
Hyannis Chamber of Commerce  
Idaho Trucking Association  
Illinois Trucking Association, Inc.  
Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
Indiana Motor Truck Association, Inc.

Iowa Motor Truck Association, Inc.  
Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce  
Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County CoC  
Kalispell Chamber of Commerce  
Kansas Motor Carriers Association  
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Kentucky Trucking Association, Inc.  
La Pine Chamber of Commerce  
Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce  
Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce  
Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce  
Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Long Beach Hospitality Alliance  
Longview TX Chamber of Commerce  
Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce  
Louisiana Motor Transport Association, Inc.  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
Maine Motor Transport Association, Inc.  
Maryland Chamber of Commerce  
Maryland Motor Truck Association, Inc.  
Mashpee Chamber of commerce  
Mason City Chamber of Commerce  
McLean County Chamber of Commerce  
Meridian Chamber of Commerce  
Metro South Chamber of Commerce  
Michigan Chamber of Commerce  
Michigan Trucking Association, Inc.  
Minnesota Trucking Association  
Mississippi Trucking Association  
Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Missouri Trucking Association  
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce  
Monroe Chamber of Commerce  
Motor Carriers of Montana  
Motor Transport Association of CT, Inc.  
Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce  
NC Chamber  
Nebraska Trucking Association  
Neponset River Regional Chamber  
Nevada Trucking Association, Inc.  
New Jersey Motor Truck Association  
New Mexico Trucking Association  
Newark Regional Business Partnership  
Newport County Chamber of Commerce

North Carolina Trucking Assoc., Inc.  
North Central Massachusetts Chamber of  
Commerce  
North Country Chamber of Commerce  
North Dakota Motor Carriers Assoc., Inc.  
North Texas Commission  
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Northern RI Chamber of Commerce  
Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Ohio Trucking Association  
Oklahoma Trucking Association  
Orange County Business Council  
Orange County Business Council  
Oregon Trucking Associations, Inc.  
Orleans Chamber of Commerce  
Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce  
PA Chamber of Business & Industry  
PA Chamber of Business & Industry  
Pasadena Chamber of Commerce  
Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association  
Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce  
Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce  
Portland Business Alliance  
Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce  
Rhode Island Trucking Association, Inc.  
Rio Grande Valley Partnership  
River Region Chamber of Commerce  
Rogers Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce  
Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce  
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce  
Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce  
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce  
Sherman Chamber of Commerce  
Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce  
South Bend Regional Chamber  
South Carolina Trucking Assoc., Inc.

South Dakota Trucking Association  
South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce  
South Coast Chamber  
Southwest Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce  
St. Louis Regional Chamber  
State Chamber of Oklahoma  
Sweet Grass County Chamber of Commerce  
Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber  
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce  
Tennessee Trucking Association  
Texas Trucking Association  
The Business Council of Westchester  
The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County  
The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County  
The Colorado Chamber of Commerce  
The Greater Cranston Chamber of Commerce  
Trucking Association of Massachusetts  
Trucking Association of New York  
Tucson Metro Chamber  
Tucson Metro Chamber  
Tulsa Regional Chamber  
United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce  
Utah Trucking Association  
Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Virginia Trucking Association  
Washington Trucking Associations  
West Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
West Virginia Trucking Association, Inc.  
West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association  
Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association  
Wyoming Trucking Association, Inc.  
Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce

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