

July 15, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Minority Leaders Schumer and McCarthy:

Our organizations represent all parts of the manufacturing supply chain and manufacturers across all 50 states. We urge you to advance a bold, long-term infrastructure bill to address our nation's longstanding infrastructure needs and to provide much needed stability and certainty for our sector during this critical time. We encourage you to come together in a bipartisan manner to provide historic investment and pass a surface transportation reauthorization ahead of the September 30, 2020 deadline.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, manufacturers in America have continued operating while doing everything possible to ensure the health and safety of millions of employees, their families and their communities. Transportation and logistics partners across the manufacturing supply chain went into overdrive to provide our sector with the capabilities to meet the immediate challenges posed by COVID-19. These partners enabled industry's efforts to increase production, retool supply chains and adapt to quickly evolving circumstances to get critical supplies to the parts of the country that needed them most. Manufacturers' ongoing response efforts depend on our nation's infrastructure system and taking action now to invest in and modernize our infrastructure can advance the next steps of recovery and renewal.

Even before the crisis, America desperately needed robust infrastructure investments. Now, building a 21st-century infrastructure system will not only provide urgently needed jobs but also lay the foundation for a more competitive economy. Congressional action is necessary to address the revenue shortfalls facing state transportation departments due to unexpected decreases in road travel. Forward-looking, long-term investments in all kinds of infrastructure are needed to renew and expand our economy, grow jobs and compete globally. Acting now to invest in our nation's infrastructure will avoid interruption to ongoing projects and empower state officials and the private sector to proceed with planning new, bold infrastructure projects across the country.

We appreciate efforts in both the House and Senate on key pieces of federal infrastructure authorizations, and we urge Congress to advance proposals that can unite stakeholders by prioritizing progress on a robustly funded, on-time surface transportation reauthorization. We look forward to working together to advance a bill that supports the future of U.S. infrastructure and all those who depend on it.

Sincerely,

Adhesive and Sealant Council
AICC, The Independent Packaging Association
Alliance of Wyoming Manufacturers
American Bakers Association
American Beverage Association
American Boiler Manufacturers Association (ABMA)
American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Concrete Pavement Association
American Forest & Paper Association
American Foundry Society
American Home Furnishings Alliance
American Iron and Steel Institute
American Mold Builders Association
American Pet Products Association
American Supply Association
American Wood Council
AMT - The Association for Manufacturing Technology
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Arizona Manufacturers Council
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated Industries of Arkansas
Associated Industries of Florida
Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM)
Associated Industries of Missouri
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Association of Washington Business
Auto Care Association
Border Trade Alliance
Brick Industry Association
Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA)
Business Council of Alabama
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
Colorado Chamber of Commerce
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
Connecticut Business & Industry Association
Council of Industry of Southeastern New York
Delaware State Chamber of Commerce
Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, International
Fire and Emergency Manufacturers and Services Association
Global Cold Chain Alliance
Greater North Dakota Chamber
Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry
Illinois Manufacturers' Association
INDA, The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association
Industrial Minerals Association - North America
Institute of Makers of Explosives
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
IPC

Irrigation Association
Kentucky Association of Manufacturers
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
MACNY
Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Metal Powder Industries Federation
Metal Treating Institute
Metals Service Center Institute
Mississippi Manufacturers Association
Missouri Association of Manufacturers
Missouri Transportation & Development Council
Montana Chamber of Commerce
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
National Association of Manufacturers
NAPIM
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers
National Fastener Distributors Association
National Lime Association
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Mining Association
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
National Tooling and Machining Association
National Waste & Recycling Association
National Wooden Pallet and Container Association
NC Chamber
Nevada Manufacturers Association
New Mexico Business Coalition
Next Generation Manufacturing
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)
North American Die Casting Association
North American Millers Association
Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Association
Ohio Manufacturers' Association
Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association
Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI)
Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association
Plumbing Manufacturers International
Portland Cement Association
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
Precision Machined Products Association
Precision Metalforming Association
Railway Supply Institute
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
San Antonio Manufacturers Association
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Specialty Tools & Fasteners Distributors Association (STAFDA)

Steel Manufacturers Association
STI/SPFA
Texas Association of Business
Texas Association of Manufacturers
The Aluminum Association
The Association for Hose and Accessories Distribution (NAHAD)
The Fertilizer Institute
The Sulphur Institute
Treated Wood Council
U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association
United Veterinary Services Association
Valve Manufacturers Association
Vinyl Institute
Virginia Forestry Association
West Virginia Manufacturers Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce