



## HIGHWAY MATERIALS GROUP

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December 18, 2019

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nita Lowy  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Leahy, Chairwoman Lowy, Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of the Highway Materials Group (HMG), we write to thank you for your hard work to finalize negotiations on Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 appropriations and express our gratitude for enacting H.R. 1158 and H.R. 1865, which provide robust funding to advance our nation's infrastructure.

The HMG is comprised of 11 national trade associations whose members provide the materials and equipment necessary to build America's transportation infrastructure and employ tens of thousands of hard-working men and women in well-paying American jobs.

As you well know, the need to repair our existing infrastructure and meet the needs of our communities today and beyond has never been greater. That is why we are grateful that the final FY 2020 spending package provides a significant commitment to improving our roads, bridges and tunnels and other critical infrastructure priorities.

We are pleased that H.R. 1865, the Domestic Priorities and International Assistance Appropriations minibus, continues the Committee's work to provide discretionary appropriations for in-demand transportation priorities, including:

- \$1 billion for National Infrastructure Investments (BUILD Grants), an increase of \$100 million over FY 2019 levels.
- \$2.2 billion for discretionary Highway Infrastructure Programs, including \$1.15 billion for a risk-based bridge rehabilitation and reconstruction program.
- \$400 million in discretionary funding for Airport Improvement Grants
- \$2 billion for Capital Investment Grants
- \$510 million for Transit Infrastructure Grants

We also appreciate the Committee's historic investment in the Army Corp of Engineers to ensure our nation's ports and water infrastructure are provided the necessary resources in FY 2020. This legislation provides \$7.65 billion, an increase of \$652 million above the fiscal year 2019 level, and includes increased funding for investigations, construction and operation and maintenance.

Further, we are pleased that H.R. 1158, National Security Appropriations minibus provides \$50 million to the Defense Community Infrastructure Program, which will improve military readiness by investing in roads, bridges and other key infrastructure in communities surrounding military bases.

Thank you for your work to finalize all twelve appropriations bills, removing the uncertainty of a government shutdown and enacting responsible funding priorities through the end FY 2020. We greatly appreciate your commitment to providing funding to address our infrastructure challenges and look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely,

American Coal Ash Association  
American Concrete Pavement Association  
American Traffic Safety Services Association  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
Portland Cement Association  
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute

CC: Members of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress