

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