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U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Senator Jack Reed
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Dear Senators:

Infrastructure investment remains one of the most powerful tools available to Congress to generate immediate and long-term economic activity. As the Senate works to complete the FY 2021 appropriations bills, we strongly urge you to enhance the impact of the core federal infrastructure programs with supplemental resources to proactively combat the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2018, the most significant growth in federal infrastructure investment has been delivered through the annual appropriations process. The nearly \$16 billion over three years in additional spending, beyond what was previously authorized for highway, public transit and airport capital investments, has benefited every state and enabled improvement in the safe movement of people and goods.

The absence of a robust federal infrastructure package and a multi-year reauthorization of the surface transportation programs elevates the need to secure supplemental transportation resources in the FY 2021 appropriations process. Pandemic-related budget impacts have forced states and localities to delay or cancel \$12 billion in planned transportation projects. Additional resources would assist these states and allow others to fortify their economies by continuing to deliver essential highway, bridge, transit and airport improvements.

The annual appropriations process is currently the only vehicle available to deliver the meaningful transportation infrastructure investment both parties and the president have requested. We look forward to working with you to make this a reality before the current Continuing Resolution expires December 11.

Sincerely,

David Bauer
President & CEO