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513 Hart Senate Office Building
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Senator Shelley Moore Capito
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Senator Ben Cardin
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509 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senators,

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) congratulates you on the introduction of the *America's Transportation Infrastructure Act (ATIA)*. The legislation you drafted would improve both public safety and economic competitiveness, while defying the convenient narrative that the two parties cannot deliver results for the American people.

Your commitment to stabilize and grow Highway Trust Fund-supported investment through user fees and early enactment of a comprehensive, multi-year reauthorization is a welcome and refreshing enhancement. The efficacy of the federal highway program has been hampered by repeated revenue shortfalls and all too frequent temporary program extensions.

By authorizing \$287 billion in highway and bridge improvements, which includes a 17 percent investment boost in year one, your legislation would enable states to deliver a broad mix of transportation solutions. Your proposal to codify "One Federal Decision" would further accelerate project delivery timelines to maximize the benefit of limited federal resources.

Since the 2016 election, infrastructure investment has become a familiar talking point on both sides of the aisle, but the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee can turn talk into action with the passage of ATIA. We urge all members of the committee to vote 'YES' on final passage, and we look forward to working with the committee and other committees of jurisdiction to ensure a well-funded and adequately paid for bill is signed in to law, well in advance of September 30, 2020.

Sincerely,

David C. Bauer
President & CEO
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