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The Hon. David Price
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development Subcommittee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

Robust federal leadership in maintaining and improving the nation's transportation infrastructure network is critical to the safe and efficient movement of people and goods throughout the country. Post-pandemic supply chain and inflationary challenges make this investment even more important today. We applaud the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development subcommittee's FY 2023 appropriation bill and urge all members to support final passage today.

The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) authorized and appropriated historic levels of federal investment in transportation programs. The subcommittee mark follows through on this landmark law by meeting the highway and public transportation authorized to be spent from both the Highway Trust Fund and the General Fund.

Furthermore, we support the subcommittee's call for an additional \$3.45 billion in highway, transit, airport and multi-modal capital investments beyond what was included in the IIJA. These resources will further improve the quality of life of Americans through targeted investments to alleviate highway and transit bottlenecks and improve airport runways and taxiways.

We also commend the subcommittee on moving forward over three months before the current fiscal year expires. While meeting the IIJA authorized spending levels is important, doing so in a timely manner will assist the planning process for states, localities and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Completing the annual appropriations process on time also provides stability for the transportation construction industry as well, allowing our members to make hiring and purchasing decisions accordingly.

We urge all committee members to support the FY 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations legislation being marked-up today and encourage Congress to send this bill to President Biden for enactment as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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