



June 1, 2023

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell,

The American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) supports swift passage of H.R. 3746, *the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023*.

Extending the federal debt limit through 2024 would provide economic stability at a critical time for the nation's infrastructure networks. States are escalating their transportation improvement plans and the private sector is investing in the people and equipment necessary to rebuild the nation's roads, bridges and public transportation systems.

The measure would also strengthen the existing infrastructure project delivery process by enacting page limits for Environmental Impact Statements and requiring a two-year timeline for their completion. Combined with the bill's study to digitize parts of the environmental review process, these policies could save time and resources by helping projects advance more quickly from planning to construction.

We urge Congress to bolster the economic stability that would result from enactment of H.R. 3746 by fully funding programs authorized in 2021's *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, and continuing to provide additional targeted investments in highways, public transportation and airports that have been enacted each appropriations cycle since FY 2018.

ARTBA applauds the bipartisan agreement reached between President Biden and congressional leaders. The Fiscal Responsibility Act will help the U.S. economy remain on solid footing, and we urge its timely passage.

Sincerely,

David C. Bauer
President & CEO

cc: U.S. Senate