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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
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2165 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
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Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association applauds the bipartisan introduction of the BUILD America 250 Act, an important step toward timely reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs. Consistent, long-term funding, combined with well-crafted policy structures, positions the BUILD America 250 Act to support transportation systems across the country.

The BUILD America 250 Act would help ensure federal investments are maximized by enacting policy reforms that would enhance:

- **Highway Trust Fund:** The bill would also enhance equity on the nation's roadways by creating a new fee on electric vehicles and hybrids, ensuring all users of roads and bridges pay into their maintenance and upkeep. This new revenue into the Highway Trust Fund will help shore up balances, while Congress identifies additional revenue to support planned expenditures.
- **Project Delivery:** By expanding the threshold for categorical exclusions, doubling state NEPA assignment periods, and shortening page and time limits for environmental review, the bill would put federal dollars to use more efficiently.
- **Work Zone Safety:** Clarifying the definition and eligibility of roadway construction workers from pedestrians throughout the bill would help create a dedicated focus on these vulnerable road users during the policymaking process
- **Bridge improvements:** Enhancing the focus on the nation's bridges is a proven way to boost economic development. The additional funding provided in the BUILD America 250 Act would enable continued progress on these projects.

As the process moves forward, we encourage the committee to consider enhancing investment levels for highway and mass transit capital programs to ensure that America can truly build unrivaled infrastructure over the next five years. With the progress made since 2021, now is the time to grow investment, not remain flat or turn back.

ARTBA looks forward to working with you to achieve timely enactment of a new, robust reauthorization bill and encourage all members to support the bill during committee consideration.

Sincerely,

David Bauer
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