



October 16, 2015

The Honorable Bill Shuster (PA-9)
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

SUBJECT: Highway Funding

Dear Chairman Shuster,

KTA-Tator, Inc (KTA) is a consulting engineering firm headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA. We specialize in issues associated with steel and concrete fabrication and corrosion protection. The transportation sector is our largest market, representing over 2/3rds of our combined revenue. Long-term funding of transportation is of critical importance to us not only for traveling safely and economic development, but it directly impacts the livelihood of all 270 of KTA's employees nationwide.

We are writing regarding the upcoming consideration of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization, also known as the Highway Bill. The Highway Bill makes important policy choices for the future of America's highways, roads and bridges. One of the leading causes for deterioration of our nation's infrastructure is corrosion, which can have a significant, and potentially catastrophic, impact on our nation's transportation systems. Unmitigated corrosion harms the environment, risks public safety, and costs the American taxpayer billions of dollars each year. If corrosion control technologies are properly installed and assets are consistently maintained, corrosion is largely preventable.

As Congress and the Environment and Public Works Committee considers the Highway Bill, we ask that language be incorporated that emphasizes the need for state-of-the-art prevention and asset management technologies during project design and ongoing systems maintenance. Equally important, it should be noted that corrosion prevention work should only be conducted by qualified firms. This would include nationally recognized programs such as contractor and fabricator certification programs administered by the Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC), American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) and NACE International. With employer-focused qualification programs, the likelihood of success is improved while mitigating the inefficiencies associated with legislative requirements for individual certifications. That is, the burden is appropriately placed on firms to employ and maintain properly trained and certified professionals as required to maintain their firm's certification(s).

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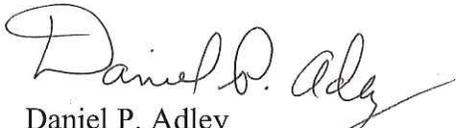
We are pleased to see your commitment to passing comprehensive legislation that addresses the challenges of our nation's aging infrastructure. We welcome the opportunity to work with Members of the House Transportation Committee, Members of the House of Representatives, and Members of the Senate as the Highway Bill moves forward.

Should you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact Dan Adley, CEO of KTA-Tator, Inc. at dadley@kta.com or 412.722.0595. We appreciate your service as Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, your service to the state of Pennsylvania, and your leadership on these issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer



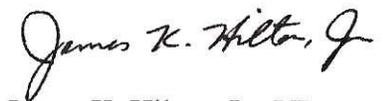
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