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Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation  
and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation  
and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM), I write to express our strong support for enactment of a long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill before the current authorization expires on September 30, 2026. Failure to do so would disrupt investment decisions and slow needed improvements to our transportation system. AAM therefore appreciates the Committee's work to advance the *BUILD America 250 Act*.

America's manufacturers and factory workers stand to benefit from robust and sustained investment in our transportation infrastructure. A modern, efficient system for moving goods is essential to economic growth. At the same time, federal transportation spending drives demand for the iron and steel, construction materials, and manufactured products used to build and maintain roads, bridges, transit systems, and other critical infrastructure. Ensuring these materials are produced in the United States through strong Buy America laws strengthens domestic supply chains and supports good paying American jobs. The final bill should reaffirm the longstanding bipartisan commitment to Buy America by maintaining strong statutory requirements, ensuring rigorous enforcement, and avoiding any changes that would weaken existing law.

AAM also supports the inclusion of the *STOP China Act* to ensure federal transportation funds do not flow to entities owned, controlled, or influenced by the Chinese government. These safeguards help protect the integrity of federally funded projects, strengthen domestic supply chains, and prevent U.S. taxpayer dollars from subsidizing the operations of foreign state-owned and -directed competitors to U.S. manufacturers.

AAM stands ready to work with the Committee to advance a surface transportation reauthorization that strengthens America's infrastructure and supports the workers and manufacturers who make it possible.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,



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President  
Alliance for American Manufacturing