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

The 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 American Car Rental Association (ACRA), the national trade association representing the U.S. car rental industry, I write to express our strong support for the Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th Act—the BUILD America 250 Act. Your bipartisan leadership in advancing this comprehensive surface transportation legislation comes at a pivotal moment for our nation, and ACRA commends the thoughtful, collaborative approach you have taken to reauthorize the federal programs that keep America moving.

The car rental industry sits at the intersection of mobility, tourism, and commerce. Each day, our members enable millions of travelers to travel. Whether business travelers reaching meetings, families on vacation, residents whose own vehicle is in the shop, and workers responding to emergencies far from home, ACRA members drive travel throughout the United States. None of that is possible without a safe, modern, and reliable network of roads and bridges. Highways are quite simply the circulatory system of the American economy. They allow goods to reach markets, allow workers to reach jobs, and allow visitors to reach the communities that depend on the dollars they spend. When pavement is smooth, bridges are sound, and corridors are efficient, our nation's commerce flourishes—and the rental car industry is able to function and serve the public the way the traveling consumer expects.

Conversely, deteriorating infrastructure imposes real costs on our customers, our members, and the broader traveling public. Potholes and aging bridges drive up vehicle wear and maintenance expenses, congestion erodes productivity for business travelers, and unreliable corridors discourage the tourism and convention activity that fuel local economies in every state. A robust, long-term federal commitment to highways, bridges, and surface transportation safety is therefore not simply an investment in concrete and steel—it is an investment in jobs, in small businesses, in tourism, and in the everyday mobility of the American people.

The BUILD America 250 Act recognizes these stakes. By providing stable, multi-year authorizations and reaffirming the federal role in maintaining and improving our nation's transportation network, the bill gives states, employers, and industries like ours the certainty needed to plan, invest, and grow. Arriving as the country prepares to mark its 250th anniversary, the legislation is a fitting recommitment to the network that has carried American commerce and travelers for generations—and that must be ready to carry them for generations to come.

ACRA and its members stand ready to serve as a resource as the bill advances. We thank you again for your bipartisan leadership and for keeping the focus where it belongs: on a transportation system that allows our economy to flourish and the American people to keep moving.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Lefevé", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Don Lefevé,
President & CEO