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The Honorable Sam Graves, Chairman
The Honorable Rick Larsen, Ranking Member
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), I am pleased to express support of the American steel industry for the Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th Act (BUILD America 250 Act). This bipartisan legislation will reauthorize and make substantial investments in critical federal surface transportation programs that benefit the domestic steel industry and the overall national economy.

AISI serves as the voice of the American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI's membership is comprised of integrated and electric arc furnace (EAF) steelmakers, steel pipe and tube manufacturers and steel processors and fabricators, reflecting the production and distribution of carbon, stainless and electrical steels. These steels are critical to America's national and economic security, including roads and bridges, buildings, the electrical grid, defense applications, cars and trucks and all clean energy technologies. AISI also represents associate member companies who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry.

The BUILD America 250 Act would extend and authorize \$580 billion in funding over the next five years for key surface transportation infrastructure programs, including highways, bridges, railways and mass transit. The legislation would continue to fund U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) formula programs and would create enhanced revenue for the Highway Trust Fund. Additionally, the bill would make important permitting reforms to expedite delivery of key infrastructure projects.

Importantly for the steel industry, the bill contains \$45 billion of funding for bridge investments over five years, a 12 percent increase over prior law. It also maintains strong Buy America requirements, ensuring that iron and steel materials procured for DOT projects continue to be melted and poured in the United States.

Thank you for your leadership in crafting the critical BUILD America 250 Act. AISI supports the bill and urges its passage by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Dempsey".

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