

May 18, 2026



The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chair, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee  
1135 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member, Transportation & Infrastructure  
Committee  
2163 Rayburn House office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Grave and Ranking Member Larsen,

On behalf of Duval Asphalt Products, Inc., a proud Jacksonville, FL business that has helped build the roadway infrastructure our neighbors, families, and local economy rely on every day, I write to express our support for the next surface transportation reauthorization package introduced by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee (T&I) Chairman Sam Graves & Ranking Member Rick Larsen, the *BUILD America 250 Act*.

As you know, the current surface transportation reauthorization expires on September 30, and companies like ours—along with the broader asphalt pavement industry—depend on robust and timely federal infrastructure support. Through sustained federal investment and longstanding collaboration among local, state, and federal partners, our company employs over 200 workers in Florida and completes projects worth millions of dollars in FDOT projects yearly, along with other significant roadway projects. We are grateful for this dependable partnership and proud of our role in connecting local communities, strengthening our national economy, and keeping families and goods moving safely and efficiently across our region.

Passage of the *BUILD America 250 Act* is critical to the growth and success of our nation's infrastructure and to advance the safety, efficiency, and condition of our roadway network. We eagerly endorse the bill's historic \$580 billion infrastructure investment, its programs and deployment for our pavement mix designs, and the bipartisan nature in which this bill was written. Among the many provisions worthy of recognition, we particularly commend the work zone safety enhancements that expand data collection from work zone incidents; establish a working group among industry stakeholders and local, state, and federal partners; and improve funding flexibility for proven safety technologies. We also welcome the inclusion of the first new Highway Trust Fund user fees in decades, a long-overdue step toward ensuring all roadway users contribute their fair share into our highway system. Finally, we strongly support the permitting reforms that maximize the impact of federal resources and accelerate project delivery. These policies, championed by our partners at the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), would meaningfully advance workforce safety and wellbeing, strengthen the financial footing of the Highway Trust Fund, and improve the efficiency of project delivery nationwide.

We are grateful for your leadership on T&I and ready to do our part to help support the *BUILD America 250 Act*. Please count on Duval Asphalt Products – along with NAPA and the entire asphalt industry – as a committed partner advancing this critical bill through your committee and onto the House floor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RMGant", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mitchell Gant

President