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The Honorable Sam Graves
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Infrastructure
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The Honorable Rick Larsen
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House Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
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Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA), I congratulate you and the Members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on the release of the Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th Act (BUILD America 250 Act). We applaud this important step toward ensuring long-term funding for America's transportation infrastructure and appreciate the Committee's commitment to advancing legislation before the expiration of the federal surface transportation programs on September 30.

IBTTA is the worldwide association representing owners and operators of toll and priced road facilities, as well as the businesses that support them. Our members are implementing state-of-the-art infrastructure and advanced transportation systems through innovative, user-based financing and funding solutions to address the nation's evolving mobility needs. IBTTA serves as a leading forum for advocacy, thought leadership, information exchange, and education to help ensure safe, reliable, and efficient transportation systems for the 21st century.

We support the BUILD America 250 Act's efforts to establish new transportation revenue sources, recognizing that additional measures will be necessary to address the nation's long-term infrastructure funding challenges. The introduction of national vehicle registration fees for electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids represents an important step toward strengthening the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. We also strongly support continued federal investment in mileage-based user fee (MBUF) initiatives at the state level, which we view as critical to the future of transportation funding.

We encourage Congress to consider additional resources to accelerate state implementation and scaling of operational MBUF programs. IBTTA is pleased that the national vehicle miles traveled (VMT) fee pilot program is included in the BUILD America 250 Act, particularly its emphasis on implementation and public education. A sustained national public awareness campaign will be essential to building public understanding and support for user-based transportation funding solutions.

One of IBTTA's guiding principles is: "There are no free roads.TM" That reality has never been more evident. As motor fuel tax revenues continue to decline and highway construction costs rise, the gap between transportation investment needs and available funding grows increasingly unsustainable.

For this reason, IBTTA strongly urges Congress to preserve and expand flexibility for states and regions to implement pricing on interstate highways and federal-aid roadways through the Congestion Relief Program. Road pricing initiatives are complex, long-term undertakings that require both policy flexibility and sustained federal support to move successfully from concept to implementation. We encourage Congress to continue the Congestion Relief Program and maintain the federal authority and modest financial incentives necessary to help states and metropolitan regions explore innovative, user-based finance options.

IBTTA members also believe that an effective Transportation Digital Infrastructure (TDI) framework is essential to modernizing the nation's transportation network. TDI transforms physical assets—including roads, bridges, tunnels, managed lanes, and vehicles—into connected, data-enabled systems that improve efficiency, safety, resilience, financial sustainability, and customer experience. This digital foundation will allow future transportation systems to operate more intelligently, securely, and sustainably.

We are pleased to see BUILD America 250 place significant emphasis on technology deployment through programs supporting Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Nontraditional and Emerging Transportation Technologies, Technology Deployment, and Automated Driving Systems Safety Assurance. IBTTA strongly supports federal transportation programs that prioritize applied research, demonstrations, and pilot projects that evaluate technologies in real-world operational settings and accelerate deployment, adoption, and innovation.

In particular, we support programs that advance transportation telecommunications and connected vehicle technologies, including vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communications. Advances in these areas represent critical near-term use cases that can improve roadway safety while also supporting the evolution of efficient, user-based payment systems for the transportation networks of the future.

IBTTA also views the creation of the Surface Transportation Accelerator Grant Program as a highly promising initiative. Given the broader emphasis in this reauthorization cycle on formula funding, we are pleased to see a discretionary and competitive program that remains accessible to a diverse range of transportation organizations and project sponsors. We believe this program has strong potential to improve connectivity, safety, reliability, and regional economic growth across the transportation system.

IBTTA stands ready to work with the Committee, Congress, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the White House to support timely reauthorization of the federal surface transportation programs and ensure continued investment in modern, safe, and reliable infrastructure. We remain committed to advancing legislative priorities related to user-based finance and funding, transportation operations and infrastructure programs, roadway safety, asset resilience, information exchange standards, workforce development, innovative finance, private investment, and commercial incentives that drive transportation innovation.



Sincerely,
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