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

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

On behalf of the members of the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (NRC), I am writing to express our support for the BUILD America 250 Act, the bipartisan five-year surface transportation reauthorization legislation recently released by the Committee.

The NRC is pleased that the Committee was able to work in a bipartisan fashion to prioritize and strengthen our nation's transportation network, including our passenger and freight corridors, both of which play a vital role in our diverse rail network. Improving the safety, efficiency, and resiliency of our nation's infrastructure is critically important and this bill proposes to do that in an important way.

Particularly, the NRC commends the bill's efforts to streamline project delivery, reduce red tape through the discretionary grant process, and strengthen the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

We understand there is a long road ahead and NRC looks forward to working with the Committee and Congress to continue to strengthen this bill as it moves through the legislative process. In particular, we will continue to work closely alongside our freight rail industry customers to try to keep harmful provisions out of the bill that would increase truck size and weights, and attempts to add rail safety mandates that lack safety justification and threaten to increase costs across the broader supply chain.

Thank you for your leadership on this important bill, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with the Committee as the reauthorization process moves forward, beginning with the committee mark-up on Thursday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Wieland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a distinct 'W'.

Ashley Wieland

President

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