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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: BUILD America 250 Act

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

On behalf of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) and the thousands of utility and excavation contractors we represent across America, I write to express our strong support for the newly introduced "BUILD America 250 Act."

This bipartisan five-year surface transportation reauthorization bill arrives at a pivotal moment as our nation prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary. It delivers the largest-ever investment in America's bridges, strengthens proven surface transportation programs, improves project delivery, boosts efficiency, and encourages innovation. Critically, it fortifies the Highway Trust Fund with its first new revenue stream in over three decades by ensuring all highway users contribute fairly.

The American utility infrastructure industry and NUCA's members enthusiastically back this legislation for three compelling reasons drawn directly from our long-standing industry priorities.

First, the bill's substantial investments in highways, bridges, and multimodal infrastructure will drive critical utility relocation and installation work. Utility contractors routinely support road and bridge projects by relocating water, sewer, gas, electric, and broadband lines. The "BUILD America 250 Act's" focus on proven programs and new funding will accelerate these essential projects, creating good-paying jobs and ensuring reliable underground infrastructure keeps pace with surface improvements. As NUCA has long advocated, robust baseline investments in highways, transit, and multi-modal programs are vital to sustaining the construction industry's capacity to deliver America's infrastructure.

Second, the legislation promotes efficiency through permitting reforms and work zone safety enhancements—priorities that directly benefit utility contractors. Excessive delays in project approvals inflate costs and hinder timely delivery of infrastructure. By streamlining processes and improving safety in work zones, the bill will help our members complete projects faster and more cost-effectively

while protecting our employees and the public. NUCA has consistently urged inclusion of meaningful permitting reform and work zone safety measures in any surface transportation bill, and we are pleased to see these addressed here.

Third, by injecting new revenue into the Highway Trust Fund and supporting overall infrastructure momentum, the bill complements and sustains broader water and utility infrastructure efforts. Strong surface transportation funding creates synergies with important water infrastructure programs like the EPA Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs), enabling integrated projects that address both above- and below-ground needs. This cohesive approach aligns with NUCA's call for elevated, sustainable funding to tackle our nation's trillion-dollar water infrastructure gap, while maintaining economic benefits like job creation and long-term cost savings.

The "BUILD America 250 Act" represents a forward-looking investment in our nation's future—one that will enhance mobility, safety, and resilience while powering economic growth. NUCA and the American utility construction industry stand ready to make Congress's legislative goals become a concrete reality in communities across America.

NUCA and our members urge swift Congressional passage of the "BUILD America 250 Act."

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. NUCA looks forward to working with you to build a stronger America as we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zack Perconti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Zack Perconti
Chief Advocacy Officer