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

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 8870, the BUILD America 250 (Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th)

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

SIGMA: America's Leading Fuel Marketers, representing approximately 260 independent chain retailers and marketers of motor fuel, commends the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for its bipartisan highway reauthorization legislation. In particular, we appreciate the Committee's willingness to confront the long-standing structural challenges facing the Highway Trust Fund. The proposed legislation's inclusion of an annual registration fee on electric and hybrid vehicles marks a significant and overdue step toward ensuring that all users of the nation's roads and bridges contribute to their upkeep. The draft bill reflects an approach to surface transportation policy that SIGMA's members strongly support.

SIGMA's members have a substantial and direct interest in the policies governing the nation's surface transportation network. Motorists depend on safe, well-maintained roads and bridges to reach the refueling infrastructure our members operate, and a robust federal highway program is accordingly indispensable to the fuel marketing industry and the customers it serves. We appreciate the opportunity to share our perspective on several provisions of particular consequence to our industry in advance of the Committee's consideration of the legislation.

I. SIGMA Supports the Committee's Approach to Highway Trust Fund Revenue.

SIGMA has consistently maintained that the continued solvency of the Highway Trust Fund depends on broadening the base of contributors to reflect the realities of an evolving vehicle fleet. As electric and hybrid powertrains capture a growing share of vehicle miles traveled, the cohort of motorists supporting Highway Trust Fund through fuel taxes has correspondingly contracted, even as the wear on the infrastructure has not. The annual registration fee included in the draft directly addresses that imbalance, and SIGMA applauds the Committee for advancing it.

II. SIGMA Supports the Committee's Decision to Preserve the Federal Prohibition on Rest Area Commercialization and to Reject New Interstate Tolls.

SIGMA appreciates the Committee for maintaining the federal prohibition on commercial activities at Interstate rest areas, and for refusing to authorize new tolls on existing Interstate highways. Maintaining the rest area commercialization prohibition is critical to the continued viability of the fuel marketing industry and the off-highway communities whose tax bases and

employment depend on it. These long-standing protections have enabled fuel marketers and other off-highway businesses to invest with confidence in serving the traveling public, and they have produced some of the most competitive retail environments in the country at Interstate exits, where fuel, food, and lodging providers operate side by side in direct competition for travelers' business.

SIGMA looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee as this legislation moves through markup and toward the House floor. We are available to assist the Committee and its staff with any questions regarding our members' perspectives on the provisions discussed above or any other aspects of the legislation.

Sincerely,

SIGMA: America's Leading Fuel Marketers

cc: Members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee