



Stands for American Steel.

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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

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

The Steel Manufacturers Association is pleased to provide a letter in support of the Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th Act (BUILD America 250 Act).

SMA stands for American steel. Our members operate in communities across the country and range from the nation's largest publicly traded steel producers to single-facility, family-owned businesses. Steel manufacturers generate \$149.4 billion in annual economic impact, employing 87,266 men and women in community-sustaining jobs at an average annual wage of \$142,730. They create the essential material that underpins American infrastructure.

Significant, sustained federal infrastructure investment is integral to the success of the American steel industry. From rebar to critical safety structures, our nation's steelmakers produce products that go into every facet of the roads, rails, and bridges that keep America moving. The long-term funding provided in a five-year highway bill gives our customers and our industry the certainty needed to capitalize on the more than four million tons of new American-made steel capacity coming online in the next two years.

Next-generation infrastructure is a cornerstone in the American steel industry's resurgence. As Congress considers historic investments in our bridges and highways, the BUILD America 250 Act will strengthen demand for domestically produced steel and support thousands of good-paying American jobs. America's steelmakers look forward to working

with the Committee to advance this legislation and deliver a strong highway bill to the President's desk.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brandon Farris
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