

May 18, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

Surface Tech is an American-headquartered asphalt additive company that uses aramid fibers to extend the longevity of asphalt pavement. Surface Tech's customers — ranging from state DOTs to large commercial real estate groups — choose our products to extend the life of their asphalt pavement systems, resulting in important cost savings and more durable road surfaces.

We want to commend both of you for your hard work in building bipartisan consensus around development of the Build America 250 Act. This is exactly how the federal legislative process should work, and your commitment to working collaboratively across the aisle is commendable. This legislation will reauthorize critical surface transportation programs that are set to expire on September 30, 2026, and is vitally important to our industry and the customers we serve.

The Build America 250 Act retains the current formula funding structure, with more than 90 percent of federal highway funds flowing through state and local partners. The bill also recognizes the deteriorating condition of many of our nation's most important bridges and provides the largest-ever investment in bridge construction.

In addition, the bill prioritizes streamlining permitting for major projects and establishes new programs focused on highway worker safety, helping identify best practices to protect roadway workers, many of whom work for our business partners.

Finally, this bill provides the first new funding for the Highway Trust Fund in a generation by establishing a registration fee for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. This change to the funding formula will provide much-needed equity to the system.

As an innovative company operating in the asphalt additive space, we look forward to working with your Committee to ensure swift passage and floor consideration of this legislation. The highway construction community relies on dependable federal funding. Allowing funding authorization to lapse after September 30, 2026, would place important projects of regional significance at risk and create uncertainty for state departments of transportation and our customers.

For these reasons, we urge all Members of the Committee to vote in favor of the legislation and support prompt action on the House floor.

Thank you again for your leadership.

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