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The Honorable Sam Graves
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

On behalf of the more than 1 million combined members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), and the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers (IWRW), we commend your bipartisan leadership in crafting the BUILD America 250 Act. The legislation will help deliver long-term funding for highway, transit and safety improvements.

The Surface Transportation Act, and its evolution over the years, has been the cornerstone of our national transportation for decades. The investments into roads, bridges, tunnels and transit improve lives, support communities and businesses, and provide good jobs for our members.

While we are disappointed that the BUILD America 250 Act doesn't build on the successful investments of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, we understand that maintaining investments at roughly current authorization levels, while enhancing federal funding for bridges, is a significant bipartisan achievement.


Policy improvements for project delivery, such as expanding categorical exclusions and improving environmental review time and page limits, will allow federal dollars to be used more efficiently.

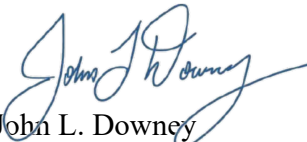
Additionally, our unions have long supported a user-fee based approach to funding transportation infrastructure. The BUILD America 250 Act takes meaningful steps toward restoring equity to the Highway Trust Fund by establishing a new fee structure for electric and hybrid vehicles, ensuring all users of the nation's roads and bridges contribute to their maintenance and upkeep.

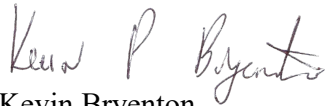
Finally, the proposal's dedicated focus on work zone safety is greatly appreciated, as our members' lives are on the line every day they show up for work.

We recognize this is the first step of a long process and encourage the members of the committee to support the BUILD America 250 Act.

Sincerely yours,


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