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The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member DeFazio:

On behalf of the 3 million skilled craft professionals that comprise North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU), I write to offer our support for H.R. 1664, Investing in America: A Penny for Progress Act.

There is no arguing the fact that America's transportation infrastructure is in dire need of repair. Thousands of miles of roads, tens of thousands of bridges, and transit systems across the United States in communities of all sizes are in need of upgrades just to reach a state of good repair. This challenge is magnified by the fact the main funding mechanism to address these needs, the Highway Trust Fund, has for years been lacking financial sustainability.

Your legislation directly addresses this national challenge, by not only providing much needed resources, but by laying the groundwork for long-term financial stability of the Highway Trust Fund. This in turn will not only improve our transportation network, but will create millions of new job opportunities for building trades members across the country.

With members of both parties, as well as the Administration, pressing for a large-scale infrastructure bill, we are encouraged by steps, such as the introduction of H.R. 1664, that not only put forth concrete policy proposals, but also recognize the size and scope of our infrastructure challenges.

NABTU members look forward to working with you as you address the infrastructure needs of our nation.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

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