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Hon. Peter DeFazio  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member DeFazio,

The 31 national associations and labor unions that comprise the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC), applaud you for introducing H.R. 1664, the "*Investing in America: A Penny for Progress Act.*" This legislation would provide much needed, expanded surface transportation investments that would help grow the U.S. economy and make transportation safer.

The nation's surface transportation network is seriously underperforming. This is due, in part, to the fact that for more than a decade, federal investments to improve system physical conditions, capacity, performance and safety have barely kept pace with inflation. Your legislation would reverse this trend by generating revenue that would boost federal investment in the nation's highway, bridge, transit and freight systems by an average 30 percent annually.

Your legislation would also provide Congress with more than ample time—over a decade—to develop and implement the permanent, sustainable user revenue stream we all seek to support future investments through the Highway Trust Fund.

We thank you again for your longstanding, ongoing leadership on transportation program funding and look forward to working with you on this bill.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition