



December 6, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
H-232, United State Capitol
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Minority Leader
H-222, United State Capitol
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries:

The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) thanks you for bringing the bipartisan *Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024* (WRDA) package to the House floor and encourages its immediate passage before the 118th Congress adjourns at the end of month. The WRDA reauthorization package includes policies spearheaded by our leaders in both the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee, including technical items addressing highway funding and distribution.

NAPA is the only national trade association exclusively representing companies involved in the production and application of asphalt pavement mixtures. The asphalt industry represents thousands of companies and over 350,000 hard working men and women across the nation producing and paving local, state and federal roads with asphalt. We are proud to claim over 94% of the nation's roads and highways are made with asphalt pavement, along with over 80% of airfields across military, private and commercial airports.

NAPA welcomes the prioritization of key projects from the Army Corps of Engineers improving various navigable waterways, infrastructure resiliency and disaster mitigation, and is encouraged that this same bipartisanship will be evident as we collectively work on the next highway reauthorization package, which must be passed before September 30th of 2026. NAPA is also extremely appreciative for the inclusion of the *Fiscally Responsible Highway Funding Act of 2024*, a key technical redistribution of excess contract authorities under the Department of Transportation's *Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act* (TIFIA). Specifically, this inclusion ensures that excess TIFIA funds – in excess of \$1.8B for FY25 – are immediately redistributed to states via formula, and will remain available until the end of FY28. Ensuring these unused TIFIA funds are reallocated is vital, as Congress continues to maximize previously allocated federal dollars, and we leverage every resource to improve our national infrastructure network. Lastly, the TIFIA redistribution will also provide states with more autonomy to address their own unique transportation needs and maintain our national economic competitiveness.

Thank you again for your consideration and passage of the *Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024*. We look forward to working with you on all policies related to infrastructure investment, including the surface transportation reauthorization package in the 119th Congress.

Sincerely,



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