Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders McCarthy, Schumer, and McConnell:

As bipartisan supporters of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), we urge the House and Senate to promptly complete work on the annual Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. The IIJA will enable historic federal funding for our nation's crumbling infrastructure. However, the current Continuing Resolution (CR), which extends the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act authorized spending levels, continues to impede full implementation by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Failure to provide timely appropriations for these investments further delays critical work in our districts and impacts the lives and livelihoods of our constituents.

The CR constrains DOT and our state departments of transportation to the obligation limitation levels set forth in the FAST Act. As a result, federal expenditures for significant portions of our highway, transit, and highway safety programs follow the FY 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act, rather than the new levels authorized in the IIJA. For example, under IIJA, core highway program funding has increased to $58 billion and public transportation program funding to $13 billion. However, each of these programs currently has an obligation limitation of $46 billion and $10 billion, respectively, as a result of the ongoing CR.

Additionally, the CR prevents DOT from implementing new programs created in the IIJA law under a "no New Starts" provision. This amounts to billions of dollars of infrastructure improvements that remain in limbo, including the new Carbon Reduction Program. Without further Congressional action, bipartisan, bicameral priorities approved by Congress and the Biden Administration will become casualties of these delays.

The passage of IIJA was a significant legislative feat, but delays in the FY22 appropriations process will prevent Americans from reaping the benefits of these critical investments. Our nation's infrastructure is failing, and it is essential that the IIJA is implemented efficiently and effectively. Without immediate action by the House and Senate, our state and local partners face continued uncertainty on how and when they can leverage IIJA to advance important projects. We therefore urge swift passage of the FY 2022 T-HUD Appropriations bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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