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April 16, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressional Leaders:

On behalf of the structural steel bridge design, fabrication, and construction industry, we very much appreciate the support that the Administration and Congress have provided both for small businesses as well as American workers during this pandemic. The National Steel Bridge Alliance (NSBA), a division of the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), represents more than 300 structural steel bridge fabricators and more than 14,000 men and women that provide the backbone for our economy, and our collective ability to move goods, services, and critical medical equipment within and across state lines efficiently. Today, we urge Congress to include an immediate \$50 billion in flexible federal funding to offset what AASHTO estimates “will average at least a 30 percent loss in state transportation revenues in the next 18 months.” This investment will provide short-term certainty and allow state DOTs to continue planning and bidding work.

In addition to short-term relief, we also write to urge Congress to include an infrastructure package in the next “Phase 4” emergency relief and economic recovery package. As noted in our previous letter, “making a long-term and robust infrastructure investment now will not only respond to the urgent transportation system needs that are well known, but it also will create high paying jobs allowing businesses and families to recover from this extremely difficult economic shock. The benefits from such a bill will flow throughout the economy. We can put more Americans to work, improve quality of life in our cities, towns and rural areas and drive commerce and supplies across our

nation by making infrastructure investment a critical component of the next stimulus package by including Buy America provisions and using domestically produced and fabricated steel.”

Thank you for your consideration. The lives and livelihoods of American families are in your hands, and we trust that you will do what is necessary to preserve our future, and pave the way for our nation’s workers and their families to recover from this pandemic through short and long-term infrastructure investment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a stylized "J" and "Carter" following.

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