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Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal
Chair
Congressional Progressive Caucus
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Jayapal:

The transportation construction industry and its union partners build projects and sustain well-paying jobs that bring community and economic benefit to every corner of our nation. We share the commitment of the Congressional Progressive Caucus to building next-generation infrastructure that is designed to promote equal economic opportunity for all Americans. It is because of this shared commitment the 33 national associations and labor unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) strongly urge you and your colleagues to set aside your objections to passing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) so a bill can be enacted into law in the coming days.

Current policy and funding for federal highway and public transportation programs are operating under another short-term extension through Oct. 31. Short-term extensions create uncertainty for the public and private sector and impede the implementation of long-term transportation improvement plans. Passing the IIJA as soon as possible will initiate a long-term reauthorization of these programs and empower state and local governments to make urgently needed transformational investments in underserved communities across the United States.

The IIJA provides a generational opportunity to invest in the nation's highway, bridge, public transit, airport, and other infrastructure programs. The bill would provide resources to rebuild American infrastructure for the 21st century by making important infrastructure improvements that connect communities, prioritize resiliency, and yield short and long-term economic benefits for all American families. Investing in infrastructure has long been an effective tool for facilitating economic growth and competitiveness and the IIJA is no different. In fact, the IIJA will drive job creation; create sustainable, well-paying careers; and help our economy recover from the impacts of the ongoing public health crisis.

In addition to providing these long-overdue investments in surface transportation, the IIJA's policy reforms would help deliver projects more efficiently, improve commuter safety, and provide valuable funding to workforce development. Passage of the IIJA will help break down economic barriers, reconnect communities, and empower the American workforce and industry in a way not seen since the New Deal.

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The TCC urges you to support a vote for the IJA now to rebuild our communities and secure a strong economic future for all Americans. We remain committed to working with you and to the Congressional Progressive Caucus to ensure that our shared infrastructure priorities are passed and signed into law by the President as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition

Cc: All Congressional Progressive Caucus Members