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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

On behalf of the American Society of Civil Engineers, we would like to thank you for your steadfast support of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. We recognize passage of the IIJA involved a hard-fought series of negotiations in Congress and appreciate your determined effort to get this bill passed in the House of Representatives.

Since 1998, each version of ASCE's Report Card for America's Infrastructure has called attention to the nation's infrastructure systems — and the need to invest in them, as the foundation of our nation's economic growth and central to the high quality of life each American depends on. ASCE has continually called for bold political leadership to elevate infrastructure as a national priority and you delivered. The funding included in the IIJA will go a long way towards closing the investment gap, which was on track to cost American families \$3,300 per year in money associated with infrastructure deficiencies by 2039, according to ASCE's Failure to Act Report.

Thank you again for your support of this landmark piece of legislation, and your dedication to investing in infrastructure throughout your career. We look forward to continuing to work with Congress to ensure this investment is optimized and that this legislation lives up to its promise in the coming years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas W. Smith III". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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