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Dear President Biden,

On behalf of the American Society of Civil Engineers, we would like to thank you for your steadfast leadership to develop and advance the historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, building bipartisan support and helping make the case to the American people about how these investments will support communities across the country. The strong public support for this bill speaks to the importance of clean drinking water, safe roads and bridges, modern transit fleets, and a reliable electric grid.

We recognize passage of the IIJA involved a hard-fought series of negotiations in today's political climate and appreciate your determined effort to get this bill to your desk for signature and deliver a win for American households and families. The bipartisan support that ushered this legislation across the finish line speaks to the importance of modern, reliable, resilient infrastructure in communities across the country.

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 leadership in working with Congress to advance this landmark piece of legislation, and your dedication to investing in infrastructure throughout your career. We look forward to continuing to work with the Administration 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 with a horizontal line underneath.

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