Dear Senate and House Appropriations Committees Leadership:

Federal investment in infrastructure is critical to sustaining economic growth and quality of life improvements as the nation moves beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. After years of promises of a large infrastructure bill, Congress and President Joe Biden delivered with the enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) nearly 13 months ago. The investments from the IIJA are beginning to have real world impacts as numerous agencies begin to roll out programs and resources at a time when investing in our supply chain could not be more important. In just the first year, the Federal Highway Administration, in partnership with state departments of transportation, has provided funding for over 29,000 highway and bridge projects, with many of them already beginning construction.

Similarly, your efforts over the past five appropriations cycles to increase federal investment in transportation, via supplemental resources, over and beyond what was previously authorized for highway, public transit, and airport capital programs should be applauded. This increased investment enabled significant progress towards delivering a transportation system that safely and efficiently moves people and goods across the nation.

However, the stability included in the five-year IIJA law is contingent on Congress and the President following through with these investment levels via the annual appropriations process. The $1.6 billion in core highway and public transportation program increases over Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 remain pending due to the lack of a final FY 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) appropriations law.

The 33 national associations and construction trade unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) strongly urge completion of a final fiscal year FY 2023 THUD appropriations legislation before the current continuing resolution ends on Dec. 16. The legislation should include full funding for core highway and public transit programs at IIJA-authorized levels as well as increased supplemental investments in these programs.

Thank you for your continued support of federal investment in transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition