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The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Chairman House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure 2134 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC20515 The Honorable Sam Graves, Ranking Member House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure 1135 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support H.R. 3684 – Invest in America Act

Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

As Mayor of Fontana, CA a city of more than 200,000 located in San Bernardino County, infrastructure is the engine that drive city services and the top priority of my constituents. I **Support H.R. 3684 and urge its passage by the full House.** Granted, Fontana may not be as old as other cities but, nonetheless my constituents have needs for roads, bridges and safety.

The time has come to put political parties aside, do what is right and best for all Americans and fix our deteriorating aging infrastructure. Previous Administrations of both parties promised and failed to pass infrastructure bills - Republicans blocked President Obama and Democrats "returned the favor" under President Trump. As a Republican, I urge both parties to support H.R. 3684.

The Nation must have safe bridges in all communities (rural and urban). Too many bridges are on the brink of failure, including one in my city which handles major traffic. This bill calls for \$32 billion to fix this problem.

I, along with many of my colleagues, support Member Designated Projects. These transportation projects which are incorporated in this bill promote safer roads, investments in walking and cycling infrastructure and safe routes to schools. No one in Washington, knows better what our constituents demand than local elected officials.

Are their provisions within the Bill that I don't support? Yes, but the overriding need to do something to correct our infrastructure and keep America competitive is far more important. Let's face it - \$547 Billion is a lot of money but, we need to start somewhere!

Now is the time for a variety of reasons – none of which is more important than delivering safe, efficient infrastructure to all Americans. For all the aforementioned reasons. I, Support and urge the passage of H.R. 3684.

Very truly yours,

Acquanetta Warren, Mayor

CC: Members of the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Senator Dianne Feinstein Senator Alex Padilla Congresswoman Norma Torres Congressman Pete Aguilar