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The Honorable Peter DeFazio

Chairman

U.S. House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

2165 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio,

Thank you for your leadership and vision in crafting the *Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation (INVEST) in America Act*. As we near the expiration of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, this legislation is critical to giving transportation stakeholders the certainty needed for long-term, strategic planning in developing and improving our nation's transportation infrastructure.

In addition to much-needed funding increases to maintain our systems, the *INVEST in America Act* includes noteworthy provisions that are beneficial to agencies such as ours. We appreciate the focus on a strong federal-state-local partnership that ensures local input in decision-making. The increased resources for programs to repair our country's aging highways is also good and gives new attention to an issue that has existed for years. And the 320% increase in the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program will help even more communities deploy railway safety technologies and improve their highway-rail grade crossings.

This five-year bill is so important to transportation agencies and stakeholders, as we look beyond the FAST Act and think about what the future holds for how we move people and goods. We appreciate your leadership and look forward to working together in the reauthorization process.

Very truly yours,

John Yonan, P.E.  
Superintendent