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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member of the House Transportation &
Infrastructure Committee
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

On behalf of the State Asphalt Pavement Associations, Inc. (SAPA), a federation of 40 state organizations representing asphalt producers, contractors, and allied-services firms that build and maintain the asphalt pavement infrastructure vital to our economy, I write to express our collective support for *BUILD America 250* and subsequent markup before your committee this week.

As you know, the current surface transportation reauthorization expires September 30th, and asphalt producers, contractors, and supporting entities rely upon robust and timely federal infrastructure funding. The asphalt industry produces over 400 million tons of asphalt pavement annually, supports close to 350,000 jobs nationwide, and operates plants in virtually every congressional district. Asphalt comprises roughly 94% of the roadway market and asphalt mix plants provide the critical pavement materials needed to build and maintain the nation's almost 4 million roadway miles. In short, passage of *BUILD America 250* is critical both to the growth and success of our members and to advancing the safety, efficiency, and condition of our national roadway network.

We eagerly endorse the bill's \$580 billion investment, its programs and deployment for our pavement mix designs, and the bipartisan policies facilitated by each of you in this bill. Specifically, we applaud delivering 90 percent of highway funding via formula, speeding up project permitting, strengthening the Highway Trust Fund by establishing user fees on electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles, and focusing on protection of roadway workers. These policies were championed by our partners at the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) and would directly benefit stable funding, worker safety, and efficiency of project delivery.

Thank you for your leadership on this vital bipartisan surface transportation reauthorization package. SAPA – along with NAPA – stands ready to work with you and your colleagues on passing this critical bill out of committee, and ultimately the House floor, as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

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