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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation &
Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
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Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen –

The American Council of Engineering Companies – the business voice of the nation’s engineering industry – supports the *Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America’s 250th Act (BUILD America 250 Act)*. We applaud your leadership in negotiating this bipartisan reauthorization of expiring federal surface transportation programs.

The *BUILD America 250 Act* meets a number of key priorities that the engineering industry set out at the beginning of this reauthorization cycle:

- ✓ maintaining historic investment levels in core infrastructure accounts;
- ✓ promoting innovation and technology deployment through appropriate contracting methods; and,
- ✓ facilitating efficient project delivery and local grant administration.

ACEC will continue to advocate for increased investment across all modes, including through the appropriations process, to meet growing demand for transportation infrastructure improvements. The release of your bill is an important first step in generating momentum toward congressional action and avoiding the expiration of these critical programs.

Multi-year funding certainty will help equip our federal, state, and local clients to advance long-term projects that reduce congestion, enhance safety, and restore their roads, bridges, and transit systems to a state of good repair. These investments will benefit every congressional district in the country, including urban and rural areas, and make our communities more livable and sustainable.

We are particularly supportive of the provisions in Sections 1312 and 1321, which will improve the competitive contracting framework for our firms and assist to our State DOT partners in procurement and administration of engineering services. In addition, the consolidation and simplification of several competitive grant programs should help with local administration and get projects out the door faster.

ACEC also supports the provisions in Title VI to advance digital delivery of transportation assets. This includes the reauthorization of SMART grants, the Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems program, and codifying and adding funding eligibility for digital infrastructure to various programs. Our member firms are deploying new and emerging technologies to better serve their clients and the public, and these provisions will further these advancements.

We encourage the Committee to advance this legislation this week. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues as it moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda Bauer Darr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being the most prominent.

Linda Bauer Darr
President & CEO