



NABTU APPLAUDS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ACTION TO MOVE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BILL

Washington, D.C. – June 10, 2021 - North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) President Sean McGarvey issued the following statement after the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's marathon markup of the \$547 billion INVEST in America Act:

"I want to thank Chairman DeFazio for bringing forth a surface transportation bill that will create millions of job opportunities for North America's Building Trades Unions' members across the nation rebuilding our crumbling roads, bridges, transit systems and rail network. The INVEST in America Act will provide the level of funding needed to lay the foundation for a stronger economy that benefits working people in every corner of the nation, in both large cities and rural communities. The Chairman's bill will ensure strong prevailing wage standards for building trades members, and will provide training opportunities for those who seek a career in the construction industry through our Registered Apprenticeship programs.

"I also want to thank the strong and growing bipartisan majority of the Committee who once again stood up for construction workers in rejecting harmful anti-worker amendments that would have cut workers paychecks and eroded their standard of living. At a time of both great economic uncertainty and opportunity, the Members who fought back against this effort understand that we cannot build back better by paying people less.

"The action taken by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is the first step by the House of Representatives to move a comprehensive infrastructure package. NABTU looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee as this bill, as well as the \$50 billion Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act, moves through the legislative process, and ultimately results in a bill that arrives at the president's desk."

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About NABTU: North America's Building Trades Unions is an alliance of 14 national and international unions in the building and construction industry that collectively represent over 3 million skilled craft professionals in the United States and Canada. Each year, our unions and our signatory contractor partners invest almost \$2 billion in private-sector money to fund and operate over 1,900 apprenticeship training and education facilities across North America that produce the safest, most highly trained, and productive, skilled craft workers found anywhere in the world. NABTU is dedicated to creating economic security and employment opportunities for its construction workers by safeguarding wage and benefits standards, promoting responsible private capital investments, investing in renowned apprenticeship and training, and creating pathways to the middle class for women, communities of color and military veterans in the construction industry. For more information,

please visit www.nabtu.org, and to learn more about the building trades efforts during this pandemic, please follow the hashtag #BuildingTradesWhateverItTakes.