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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 Work Zone Safety Coalition, representing contractors, engineers and safety providers united by an urgent mission to protect roadway workers and the traveling public, we write to voice our strong support for the critical work zone safety policies included in the *BUILD America 250 Act*.

For too long, work zones have been among the most dangerous places on America's roads. On average, a work zone crash occurs in America about every five minutes, according to the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse. More than 100 people are injured in these incidents daily and around 17 die each week. Each year, about 900 fatalities occur in active work zones. That toll is unacceptable — and reducing it requires a clear-eyed, data-driven policy approach. This bill does just that.

The bipartisan *BUILD America 250 Act* has the potential to be the most meaningful piece of legislation for work zone safety in generations. Provisions we endorse include:

- Section 1117 – Highway Safety Improvement Program: We strongly endorse the expansion of eligible highway safety improvement programs and the added emphasis on the safety of roadway workers.
- Section 4002 – Consolidation and Enhancement of Highway Safety Programs: We applaud the addition of work zone safety education programs, including the addition of work zone safety awareness as an eligible highway safety grant program and allowing states to include work zone safety education in teen traffic safety programs.
- Section 4009 – Establishment of Roadway Worker Protection Interagency Working Group: The creation of an interagency working group focused on roadway worker protection ensures that the commitment reflected in this bill will endure. We believe that an interagency forum with all the relevant stakeholders will drive meaningful progress and ultimately save lives.

The Work Zone Safety Coalition is deeply grateful for the committee's commitment to this vital cause. Roadway workers and motorists depend on the kind of sustained, principled leadership this bill reflects. We look forward to working alongside you and your colleagues as this legislation moves from committee and ultimately to the President's desk. Please consider our collective group as a resource on this important topic.

Sincerely,

National Asphalt Pavement Association

American Traffic Safety Service Association

National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

American Cement Association

National Association of Truck Stop Owners

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National Utility Contractors Association

The American Society of Civil Engineers

International Safety Equipment Association