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The Honorable Susan Collins, Chairwoman
The Honorable Jack Reed, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing,
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairwoman Collins and Ranking Member Reed,

Thank you for your strong leadership in drafting and passing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Spending Bill. As you draft the FY 2020 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development appropriations bill, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) requests strong commitment to our transportation infrastructure needs by investing in key programs:

- Full funding for core Highway and Transit programs included in the FAST Act
- \$4.35 billion for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP)
- \$1.5 billion in National Infrastructure Investment/BUILD grants
- \$2.6 billion for Transit Capital Investment Grants (CIG)

In ASCE's *2017 Infrastructure Report Card*, our nation's aviation infrastructure, bridges, rail, roads, and transit received grades of "D," "C+," "B," "D," and "D-", respectively. Between 2016 and 2025, the funding gap for our nation's airports and surface transportation will be \$42 billion and \$1.1 trillion, respectively. Continued lack of action will cost our nation \$3.9 trillion in GDP and 2.5 million jobs in 2025. Today, underinvestment in our infrastructure already costs the average American family \$3,400 per year, or \$9 a day.

ASCE believes our nation must prioritize the investment needs of infrastructure to ensure public safety, a strong economy, and the protection of our environmental resources. Strategic, robust, and sustained investments, through long-term, reliable federal funding, as well as through the utilization of alternative financing mechanisms, must be made quickly if we hope to close the growing funding gap and restore America's world-class infrastructure. We thank you for your consideration of our funding requests and look forward to working with the Committee to fund these existing successful federal infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin A. Kemper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Chairman Richard Shelby and Ranking Member Patrick Leahy, U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations