

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

As the Committee works to reauthorize our nation's surface transportation programs, we write to underscore the importance of maintaining strong Buy America requirements across federally assisted surface transportation programs, including the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements enacted in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Buy America policies are commonsense, job-creating policies that ensure that taxpayer-funded infrastructure investments drive demand for American manufacturing, support good-paying union jobs, and strengthen supply chains here at home.

Robust Buy America rules bolster supply chain resilience by reducing dependence on unreliable or adversarial foreign suppliers for critical infrastructure inputs. They align federal spending with our values by directing tax dollars toward firms that hire American workers, comply with worker safety and environmental standards, and invest in U.S. communities, rather than promoting offshoring to countries that undercut these standards.

In 2021, Congress came together in a bipartisan manner and enacted BABA to strengthen and expand domestic content requirements so that America's workers have the first shot at manufacturing the iron and steel, construction materials, and manufactured products used in federally assisted infrastructure projects. Congress has already provided the Department of Transportation with the tools necessary to administer Buy America effectively, and we oppose any changes that undermine or weaken existing law. The reauthorization should reaffirm a simple principle: taxpayer-funded transportation infrastructure should be constructed by America's workers, using American-made materials and products.

Americans overwhelmingly support the use of domestically produced materials and products in taxpayer-funded infrastructure. As members of the Committee, we stand ready to work with you to advance a long-term reauthorization that not only rebuilds our transportation system but also supports the workers and manufacturers who make that system possible.

Very respectfully,



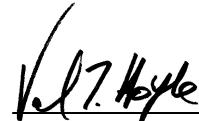
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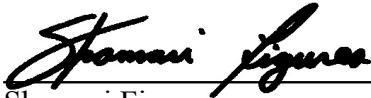
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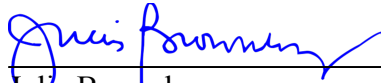
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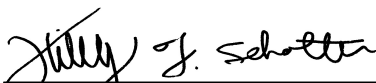
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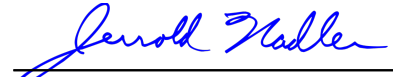
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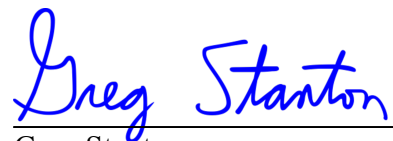
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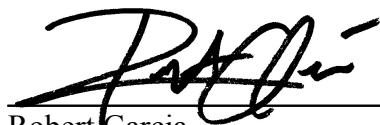
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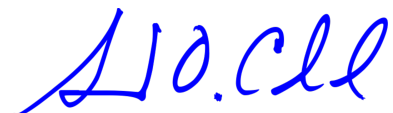
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