



February 15, 2018

**37 State Chambers of Commerce Urge the 115th Congress to
Make Infrastructure Investment a Top Priority**

Dear Speaker Ryan, Minority Leader Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairman Shuster, Ranking Member DeFazio, Chairman Barrasso, and Ranking Member Carper,

Investment in America's infrastructure is a priority of the state business communities in 2018. As the thirty-seven undersigned representatives of the business community around the United States, we are appreciative of the broad discussion that infrastructure has received over the last 18 months. However, we believe that it is time to transform encouraging rhetoric to actual policy proposals and legislative action.

Our infrastructure desperately needs stability and growth, not flirtations and false promises. Our deteriorating national infrastructure is not solely a local issue, state issue, or a federal issue. It is not a small business or a large business issue or a Democratic or Republican issue. It is an American issue that requires strong leadership and action from Congress and the Administration.

We need a bold plan to invest in our transportation, water, energy, and other infrastructure sectors that directly improves our ability to compete in the global marketplace and provides financial security for millions of middle-class American families.

Talk is not enough. While infrastructure discussions often result in headlines, they do not result in money invested, jobs created, or the stability that businesses in America require. Millions of American families and their employers depend on infrastructure moving forward. We urge you to make infrastructure investment a top priority in 2018.

Sincerely,

Business Council of Alabama (BCA)
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/Associated Industries of Arkansas
California Chamber of Commerce (CalChamber)
Alaska Chamber
Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry (CACI)
Delaware State Chamber of Commerce

Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry (IACI)
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Indiana Chamber of Commerce
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI)
Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Mississippi Economic Council (MEC)
Missouri Chamber of Commerce
Montana Chamber of Commerce/Montana Manufacturing Association
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
New Jersey Chamber of Commerce
Association of Commerce and Industry of New Mexico (ACI)
The Business Council of New York State, Inc.
North Carolina Chamber of Commerce
The Greater North Dakota Chamber
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
State Chamber of Oklahoma
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Tennessee Manufacturers Organization
Texas Association of Business (TAB)
Vermont Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Association of Washington Business (AWB)
West Virginia Chamber of Commerce