



Dear Representatives Comstock and Esty:

We write to express our strong support for your bi-partisan legislation to foster Smart Cities – the STREET Act. Many of the undersigned organizations are already working with local communities to deploy smart technologies. We strongly support your efforts to help provide leadership at the federal level.

In this respect, we applaud your proposal to extend the U.S. Department of Transportation's successful Smart Cities Challenge Program. Addressing transportation-related challenges are always a top priority when it comes to making cities and communities more livable. The USDOT Smart Cities Challenge Program helps cities, counties and communities identify smart technologies that can help address identified transportation challenges. Further, the program helps localities identify what data may be collected and analyzed using these technologies and how such data would be used to continue to address identified transportation challenges.

Ultimately, such technology, data, and analytics will help cities and communities deploy more effective and sustainable transportation strategies to the benefit of their citizens.

We also support your call for the development of a Smart City and Community Resource Guide, a GAO study on innovative ways to fund smart cities and community projects, and the advance of industry-led smart cities standards and interoperability efforts.

These are all important ways in which the federal government can provide support to state and local governments regarding smart cities. Such efforts will help localities realize significant benefits in cost savings, improved delivery of government services, economic competitiveness, and livability.

We appreciate your leadership in this area. We look forward to working with you both to pass this legislation so we can realize the benefits of smart cities and communities.

Sincerely,

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Business Council for Sustainable Energy
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Smart Cities Council
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