

The President  
The White House  
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

June 14, 2019

Dear Mr. President, Madam Speaker, Minority Leader McCarthy, Majority Leader McConnell, and Democratic Leader Schumer:

Americans have suffered under the weight of our nation's aging, failing infrastructure for far too long. Rebuilding and modernizing our nation's infrastructure will benefit every citizen, and it will make every community safer, more resilient, and more secure. It will create good jobs, boost productivity, sharpen our nation's competitive edge, and ensure our current and future economic success.

Over the years, business and labor have not always seen eye to eye. However, when it comes to rebuilding our nation's crumbling infrastructure, we are in lockstep. While disappointed the May 22 White House meeting did not lead to a substantive discussion on infrastructure investment solutions, we remain encouraged by the progress that has been made to fix our country's failing infrastructure, and remain committed to getting the job done for American families, workers, and businesses.

That is why business and labor groups have come together and proposed a funding solution: raising the federal gas tax. Democrats and Republicans in blue, red, and purple states across the country have already taken this action, increasing their state gas taxes to finance their share of much-needed infrastructure improvement.

Infrastructure, especially our nation's roads, bridges, and transit systems, is a shared responsibility between the states and the federal government. States are doing their part. It is time elected leaders in Washington do the same.

The federal gas tax has not been increased since 1993. Its value has been eroded by inflation and greater fuel efficiency even as our infrastructure needs grow. As a result, the federal government is currently spending more from the highway and transit trust funds than it's collecting in revenue,

quickly spending down our reserves. If policymakers fail to find additional revenue soon, federal infrastructure spending in each state will be cut.

To see an illustration of the potential impact across the country, [please find here](#) a state-by-state impact analysis on the effects of inaction versus a federal gas tax increase.

Every day, the cost of federal inaction grows. As representatives for millions of American businesses and workers who are counting on you to rebuild our infrastructure and grow our economy, we urge you to immediately resume discussions on America's failing infrastructure and take legislative action this year. The time to act is now.

Sincerely,

U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
American Coatings Association, Inc.  
American Concrete Pipe Association  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Public Transportation Association  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Trucking Associations  
Associated Builders & Contractors of Southeast Texas  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers Employers Group  
Far West Equipment Dealers Association  
Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association (FEDA)  
Household & Commercial Products Association  
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute  
International Union of Operating Engineers  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
LiUNA

AFL-CIO  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Association of Building Trades Unions  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Association of Professional Employer Organizations  
National Association of Surety Bond Producers  
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors  
National Concrete Masonry Association  
National Industrial Transportation League  
National Lime Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Stone Sand and Gravel Association  
NW Illinois Economic Development  
Outdoor Amusement Business Association  
Portland Cement Association  
The Toy Association  
Transportation Intermediaries Association  
Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO  
United Brotherhood of Carpenters  
United Service Association For Health Care  
Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association