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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128, The Capitol  
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Shelby:

On behalf of the American Public Works Association (APWA) and its more than 30,000 members, we are writing to you to encourage your committee to offer full FY22 appropriations for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). As Congress deliberates FY22 appropriations measures, full funding for IIJA will be critical in ensuring our nation's infrastructure system receives the support Congress recognizes and intends through passage of the new law.

The IIJA represents a historic milestone to transform our nation's infrastructure system and support the public works professionals integral to operating and maintaining it. Each day, millions of Americans commute to work on aging highways, roads and bridges, utilize out-of-date water and wastewater systems, and rely upon thinly stretched emergency management services to respond to natural disasters, traffic incidents, and other life-threatening scenarios. In short, infrastructure is what keeps our nation running, and now, more than ever, Americans need the support promised by the IIJA.

IIJA adds \$559 billion to the federal government's average annual investment of \$650 billion and addresses APWA's priorities for surface transportation reauthorization, water resiliency, and emergency management, including:

- Reauthorizing the primary federal aid highway programs and increasing overall spending by \$273.2 billion over 5 years,
- Codifying elements of the "one federal decision" policy to require agencies to coordinate reviews and authorization decisions for major infrastructure projects and setting a goal for completing environmental reviews within two years,
- \$11 billion for road safety,
- \$7.3 billion for the new Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) program to make infrastructure more resilient to storms and natural disasters,
- \$55 billion towards water and wastewater infrastructure,
- \$5 billion to the Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water grant program to deal with emerging contaminants,
- \$1 billion in grant programs (FY2022 through FY2025) to help states, tribal or multistate governments address cybersecurity threats, and
- \$3.5 billion for the National Flood Insurance Fund for flood mitigation assistance.

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With passage of the IIIA, Congress offered a bold vision for the future of our nation's infrastructure. Now, it is time to ensure that the legislation receives full funding for implementation, thus ensuring that American infrastructure can support the lives of every citizen and contribute to our nation's general welfare.

The American Public Works Association serves over 30,000 professionals in all aspects of public works who plan, design, build, maintain, operate, and oversee the country's vast infrastructure networks. APWA's members include employees from local, county, state/province, and federal agencies, and private sector personnel who supply products and services to those professionals. APWA membership is open to any individual, agency, or corporation with an interest in public works and infrastructure issues. If you have any questions, please contact APWA's Director of Government and Public Affairs Andrea Eales, in our Washington, D.C. office at [aeales@apwa.net](mailto:aeales@apwa.net) or at 202-218-6730.

Sincerely,

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CC: Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell

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