



May 25, 2021

The Honorable Tom Carper  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ben Cardin  
Chairman  
Senate Subcommittee on Transportation  
and Infrastructure  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin Cramer  
Ranking Member  
Senate Subcommittee on Transportation  
and Infrastructure  
U.S. States Senate  
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Dear Chairman Carper, Ranking Member Capito, Chairman Cardin and Ranking Member Cramer:

On behalf of the American Highway Users Alliance (Highway Users), a coalition of 300 organizations including companies, trade associations, safety advocacy groups, and motoring clubs that represent millions of motorists and serve as the united voice of the roadway users' community, we are **writing in strong support of the "Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021."** We commend you for working together to advance this legislation.

This \$303.5 billion five-year transportation reauthorization bill provides a significant and needed increase in funding for highways via formula, increases investment in roadway safety through a significant increase for the Highway Safety Improvement Program, includes important streamlining provisions that will allow roadway projects to move forward more quickly resulting in better roads, and preserves flexibility to invest in both new capacity and improvements to existing roadways that make every road user's trip safer and more reliable. Additionally, it strives to support both our rural and urban communities. Highway users across the country will benefit a great deal if this legislation becomes law.

The Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act will help tackle the truly massive needs that exist on our highways and bridges, as outlined by the USDOT's Conditions and Performance Report on Highways, Bridges and Transit that identified a **\$786.4 billion backlog of highway and bridge investments**. This investment is necessary to support economic recovery, needed transportation improvements, jobs, and Americans' quality of life. While the Highway Users are continuing to examine the details of the legislation, we know that it is a very positive bill.

The Highway Users are happy to help in any way we can to move the reauthorization process forward. Thank you for your hard work, time, and very open door. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [lauraperrotta@highways.org](mailto:lauraperrotta@highways.org) or 571-239-0765. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Perrotta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura Perrotta, CAE  
President and CEO

**American Highway Users Alliance**

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