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May 27, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
1236 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0512

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0523

**RE: Support Infrastructure Investment and Accelerate California’s Economic Recovery**

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

The spread of COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on the state’s economy. To date, over four million Californians have filed for unemployment because of the resulting economic destruction.

You and your colleagues in Congress are to be commended for taking bold and timely steps to help families, businesses and the vulnerable during this crisis by passing multiple phases of Federal response legislation. But more is needed to rebuild our economy and help the millions of unemployed across the nation.

**We are writing to urge you to support the inclusion of a significant Federal investment in infrastructure in the next stimulus package to accelerate our economic recovery and get Californians back to work.**

A major infrastructure spending package will inject trillions of dollars into our flailing economy, help stop project cuts resulting from declining state and local transportation budgets and put millions of Americans and Californians to work – all while helping repair and fix long-neglected infrastructure that is crumbling and failing.

Investing in infrastructure will create tens of thousands of solid middle-class jobs both in the transportation construction sector and across the entire economy. According to Georgetown University’s Center on Education and the Workforce, a \$1 trillion investment in the nation’s infrastructure “creates more than 11 million jobs.”

California’s infrastructure suffers from decades of neglect and this current economic crisis offers us the opportunity to jumpstart critical projects that will transform the condition of our national infrastructure. In 2019, the American Society of Civil Engineers Infrastructure Report card gave America’s infrastructure a D+ and California



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an overall grade of C-. Even before this crisis the infrastructure supporting California's roads, bridges, highways, water storage, stormwater containment, flood control levees, and transit networks was in need of hundreds of billions of additional dollars for repairs and maintenance.

The time to act is now. Investing in transportation and other infrastructure today eases the financial burden on Californians now and in the future, accelerates our economic recovery by creating thousands of good-paying jobs while building a stronger future for all Californians.

Sincerely,

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