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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to express our collective support for addressing America's growing infrastructure crisis and for your efforts to maximize the economic impact of infrastructure investment through strong Buy America policies.

A comprehensive strategy for new infrastructure investments is critical to a well-functioning economy and our national competitiveness. America's manufacturers and their workers stand to benefit from both a more efficient network to move goods to market and the increased demand generated for domestically-produced iron, steel, and manufactured goods. For decades, American workers have produced these products that comprise the backbone of our country's public works infrastructure.

Americans of all political backgrounds agree with your vision that the Nation's roads, bridges, transit systems, rail lines, water systems, and other critical infrastructure should be built with American-made iron and steel products. They have been, and will continue to be, outraged when their tax dollars fund large projects that bypass American workers for foreign inputs. With policies in place that put American manufacturers first, your vision for American-made infrastructure can become a reality:

*"A Trump Administration will also ensure that we start using American steel for American infrastructure...It will be American steel that will fortify American's crumbling bridges...It will be American steel that rebuilds our inner cities...We are going to put American-produced steel back into the backbone of our country. This alone will create massive numbers of jobs."*<sup>1</sup>

As you develop a set of principles to guide the infrastructure debate, it is vital that there continue to be strong Buy America policies in place to ensure that any increased demand for construction inputs benefits American manufacturers and their workers – rather than those in countries like China that seek

<sup>1</sup> Donald J. Trump, "Declaring America's Economic Independence" (speech, Monessen, PA, June 28, 2016).

to avail themselves of U.S. taxpayer dollars through anticompetitive practices, such as unlawfully dumping and subsidizing their exports. The federal government should continue to have a robust role in funding infrastructure projects and any new initiatives seeking to shift the funding burden to the states or leverage private dollars should be matched with policies that put American manufacturers and their workers first.

We stand ready to support an infrastructure plan that offers sustainable, long-term funding solutions, while maintaining a federal role and ensuring that the jobs created in manufacturing are here in America.

Sincerely,

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American Foundry Society  
American Institute of Steel Construction  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Line Pipe Producers Association  
The Committee on Pipe and Tube Imports  
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
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