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The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment & Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment & Public Works  
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**RE: AGC Support for America's Transportation Infrastructure Act (ATIA)**

Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), thank you for your bipartisan leadership on federal highway and transit infrastructure policy, culminating in the introduction of America's Transportation Infrastructure Act (ATIA). AGC supports ATIA, as it is a great first step to ensure a timely reauthorization of our federal surface transportation programs.

ATIA has many elements that AGC believes are necessary to continue the progress made in the two previous federal surface transportation infrastructure authorizations. Most importantly, the bill provides a five-year authorization funded at \$287 billion. This level of funding commitment will help allow states to plan needed transportation infrastructure projects and give the construction industry the assurances necessary to hire and train new employees and make capital investments in new equipment and technology. AGC is also pleased that ATIA recognizes the importance of addressing the transportation construction industry's workforce needs.

Additionally, we are pleased to see further improvements to project streamlining and permitting reform as well as critical improvements to project financing through the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA). AGC applauds the committee for continuing the distribution of the Highway Trust Fund dollars to states via formula and maintaining each state's share of those dollars, while also providing the states some flexibility in the use of those funds.

AGC looks forward to working with you and the other Senate committees of jurisdiction to ensure swift passage of ATIA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. O'Neill', written in a cursive style.

Sean O'Neill  
Vice President, Congressional Relations & Infrastructure Advancement