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The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment &
Public Works
410 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment &
Public Works
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

Thank you for your support during Senate consideration of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of the Stabenow and Wicker amendment to the IIJA's new "Carbon Reduction Program" apportioning funds to states to add eligibility for "projects using pavement technologies, including designs, materials and practices that reduce carbon emissions".

We ask you to support inclusion of the Stabenow and Wicker IIJA amendment in the FY2022 Omnibus Appropriations currently being negotiated. During consideration of the IIJA this amendment enjoyed bi-partisan support, was cleared by the Committee on Environment & Public Works and was scheduled for a vote on the Senate floor. But for procedural developments at the time unrelated to the amendment that prevented the scheduled vote, we strongly believe your amendment would have been adopted.

This amendment is supported by the transportation construction associations below and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

This amendment remains important to the goal of Carbon Emission Reductions; providing eligibility for State DOTs to achieve carbon emission reductions through pavement procurement further strengthens the important carbon reduction goal of the apportioned Carbon Reduction Program by taking advantage of pavement procurement practices with demonstrated carbon reduction benefits.

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Our associations and their membership are key stakeholders in the effort to reduce carbon emissions. The industry-led carbon emission reductions in pavement technologies—including designs, materials, and practices—clearly show that the goal of reducing carbon emissions is fully compatible with state transportation departments' highway construction and maintenance activities. Reduction of carbon emissions from modern pavement technologies has also been confirmed through research from the Federal Highway Administration.

The undersigned Associations ask for your support in this important effort.

Sincerely,

American Concrete Pavement Association
American Highway Users Alliance
American Road and Transportation Builders Association
Associated General Contractors of America
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International Union of Operating Engineers
Laborers' International Union of North America
National Asphalt Pavement Association
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