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Dear Members of the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate:

The state asphalt pavement associations around the United States include asphalt producers, asphalt refiners, paving contractors, testing labs, consulting engineers, and product suppliers. Our members represent hundreds of thousands of jobs around the country. Our members are following current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other health and safety guidelines to ensure our workers and the public remain safe on the jobsite. However, our members are increasingly concerned with the economic impact COVID-19 is having on the asphalt pavement industry and our economy.

Maintaining our states' current highway programs is becoming increasingly difficult as state highway revenues plummet due to the impacts from the coronavirus. This has prompted the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) to submit a request to Congress for \$49.95 billion in relief to ensure they can carry out their capital highway construction and other critical transportation programs over the next 18 months.

The construction season is also impacted by the need for Congress to reauthorize the FAST Act authorization before the September 30, 2020, deadline when the Act expires. The COVID-19 pandemic has clearly shown the importance of our highways, roads, and bridges that make up the National Highway System. During a time of crisis, the movement of supplies and emergency personnel is paramount and essential to the continuation of life. Only a system that has been properly maintained can ensure this. Currently, the amount of passenger vehicles on the roads is significantly down; however, as the nation begins to reopen, people will value traveling in private vehicles to limit their exposure risk to COVID-19. The backlog of highway and bridge investment needs now totals nearly \$800 billion. The sooner Congress acts on reauthorizing Federal-aid Highway programs, the sooner our industry will be able to provide jobs for displaced workers due to the current pandemic.

We wholeheartedly endorse AASHTO's request for relief in order to prevent projects from being delayed or cancelled in the current construction season. Furthermore, we urge all members of Congress to work toward enacting legislation that reauthorizes the FAST Act for at least five years to give state transportation departments and contractors the certainty they need to deliver highway, road, and bridge projects. Congress must act to stabilize the current highway construction season, shore up the Highway Trust Fund, and grow highway investments. This can be achieved when Congress takes up a multi-year reauthorization bill.

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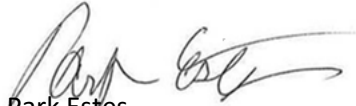
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In closing, providing immediate relief for state transportation departments and enacting a robust Federal-aid Highway program authorization will jumpstart the economy, provide jobs, and build the infrastructure that allows all Americans to prosper in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We appreciate your actions and leadership to date and stand ready to assist you in your efforts to restore America's economy.

Sincerely,



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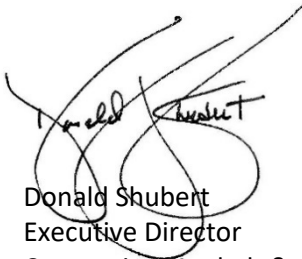
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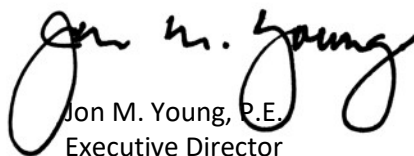
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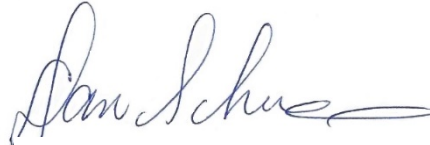
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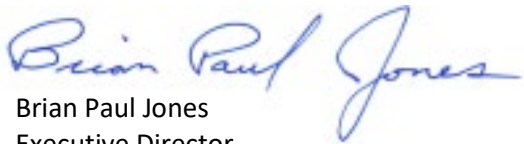
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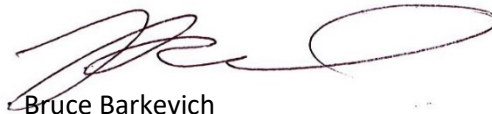
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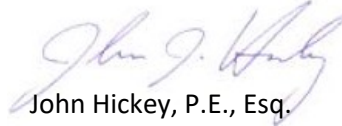
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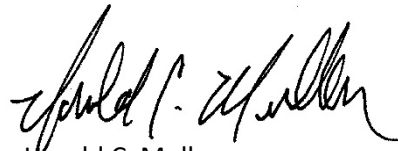
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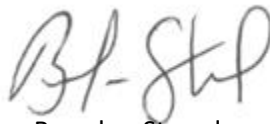
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