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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
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Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

On behalf of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), I would like to thank you for your work on the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act (STRRA). This legislation is an important step toward achieving our shared goal of enacting a multi-year reauthorization for highway and public transportation programs.

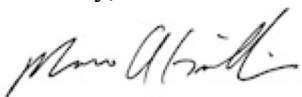
NECA is the nationally recognized voice of the \$130 billion electrical construction industry that brings power, light, and communication technology to buildings and communities across the U.S. NECA's national office and its 119 local chapters are dedicated to enhancing the industry through continuing education, labor relations, safety codes, standards development, and government relations.

While NECA applauds your efforts in advancing this legislation, we must express concern about the funding levels proposed in the bill. STRRA falls woefully short of the investment needed to bring our nation's transportation infrastructure into a state of good repair. In fact, the funding levels proposed by STRRA, consistent with the Congressional Budget Office's baseline, could result in fewer improvements to our bridges and highways than under the current short-term extension.

While we are cognizant of the difficulties relating to funding offsets, it is our hope that an agreement will be reached in the conference committee to bring funding levels in line with the Senate DRIVE Act. Our transportation network is the backbone of our economy and is crucial to our nation's prosperity—it is an investment worth making.

We look forward to working with you to advance this legislation in the House and to move the reauthorization process forward.

Sincerely,



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