



October 20, 2015

The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
House Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
House Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
B376 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Shuster, Ranking Member DeFazio, Subcommittee Chairman Graves & Subcommittee Ranking Member Norton:

Thank you for your leadership in working to reauthorize Federal surface transportation programs and for your dedication to ensuring that our country's highway infrastructure continues to promote safety and economic growth.

The Geosynthetic Materials Association (GMA) and its 80+ member companies support and urge you to move forward with the Surface Transportation Reauthorization & Reform Act of 2015 (STRR Act). A responsible long-term transportation bill is desperately needed for our nation's roadway infrastructure. The STRR Act will provide the funding certainty that will enable state and local governments to plan and construct long-term construction projects that are critical to the economic prosperity of our country.

Additionally, GMA applauds the bill's focus on the incorporation of innovative technology into the rapidly evolving transportation marketplace. GMA's manufacturers and distributors are a critical part of the transportation construction supply chain, all the while providing innovative materials that provide cost savings and longevity for civil infrastructure applications.

Finally, our nation should not miss opportunities to spur economic growth, welcome innovation and improve our global competitiveness. We urge the House to move forward with consideration of The Surface Transportation Reauthorization & Reform Act of 2015.

Sincerely,

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