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June 16, 2020

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
2134 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eleanor Norton Holmes
2136 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rodney Davis
1740 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: INVEST in America Act—Notice of Support

Dear Representative DeFazio, Representative Graves, Delegate Norton Holmes, and Representative Davis,

The City of Arcata is writing to express our support for the INVEST in America Act introduced to the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure last week. This bill charts a course to updating our country's outdated transportation policy, and takes a huge step towards aligning our federal funding with the outcomes Americans value. We are proud to support this bill and commend your committee for making it a reality.

New policy is desperately needed to ensure that our transportation system works for people—with infrastructure in good condition, safer roadway design that will save lives, and access to jobs and services through multiple modes of travel. The INVEST Act is a thoughtful bill that begins to address those issues.

While we strongly support the big step forward this bill takes, we urge you to tighten the language that ensures funds cannot be spent on new roadway construction before maintenance needs are met. We must prioritize taking care of our existing system before expanding it. We also urge you to increase funding for transit to create more balance in the federal transportation program, support efforts to improve maintenance, and provide more reliable service.

This legislation makes essential changes to update the nation's surface transportation system and address today's needs and goals. We are excited about this bill's potential to transform American transportation and urge you to improve this bill and then approve it.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Winkler".

Michael Winkler, Mayor

City of Arcata

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