



September 23, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies – the voice of the business of engineering – I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 3684, the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)*. The *IIJA* presents a rare opportunity for bipartisan advancement of sustainable infrastructure by undertaking an unprecedented level of transportation, energy, water, and environmental investments. These programs will produce important human and environmental benefits across all regions and levels of the U.S. economy for decades to come.

Passage of the *IIJA* will represent a major step forward in addressing climate change and enhancing the resilience of the nation's critical infrastructure. It provides major investments in related energy technology, water quality, and environmental remediation. The innovation necessary to achieve climate mitigation is driven by \$73 billion in funding of energy technology demonstration and deployment. These include electricity generation with renewables, nuclear, hydrogen, and carbon capture; and electricity transmission, distribution and use with smart-grids, and electric vehicle and charging technologies.

The bill enhances the efficient movement of people and goods, including historic investments in transit and passenger rail that will expand mobility options in underserved communities and make existing services more frequent and reliable. It supports the electrification of the vehicle fleet and makes an essential down payment on the design and installation of a network of EV charging stations. The first ever climate section in the nation's surface transportation law provides more than \$18 billion to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector, including a new grant program to curb truck emissions at port facilities and a program to address congestion.

The bill also includes other important climate resilience and hazard mitigation investments, notably \$27 billion for critical electricity grid modernization. The bill also provides \$46 billion for projects and programs to mitigate damage from floods, wildfires, and drought.

Water quality needs continue to plague our communities, and the bill prioritizes these areas with \$55 billion for clean water and drinking water programs. Additional environmental investments include \$21 billion for remediation through Superfund, brownfields, and abandoned mine sites, as well as orphaned gas wells. These programs support jobs, facilitate economic activities and growth, and enhance environmental renewal.

*IIJA* presents a timely and rare opportunity to meet environmental and infrastructure needs. We appreciate your commitment to advancing this legislation through the House by September 27 and look forward to a broad, bipartisan vote to send the bill to the President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda Bauer Darr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L".

Linda Bauer Darr  
President and CEO