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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader Schumer and Leader McConnell,

As leading organizations representing the roofing industry, we write in support of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act being considered by the Senate and urge its final passage. This comprehensive legislation will provide badly needed investments and upgrades for our aging and over-burdened infrastructure in a fiscally responsible manner.

This legislation provides \$1.2 trillion in funding for our nation’s physical infrastructure which is long overdue. Importantly, it recognizes the role of the built environment in infrastructure by advancing resiliency, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability with new investments in airports, schools, and other buildings that are vital to strong communities. As the first line of defense against the elements, roofs have a prominent role to play in protecting families and property while also advancing efforts to combat climate change.

We are pleased to see the bill includes substantial investments in building infrastructure. In particular, the inclusion of \$1 billion in additional funding for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will facilitate the achievement of greater levels of resiliency in both residential and commercial buildings which will protect lives as well as benefit taxpayers. The bill also delivers value to building owners by taking steps to accelerate the adoption of modern building codes and standards by states and localities. Adopting and enforcing these codes provides communities with an \$11 benefit for every \$1 invested. The legislation will help advance skills development with new investments designed to develop career skills in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries in which the roofing industry plays a vital role. Finally, the bill’s investments are poised to increase the competitiveness of domestic manufacturers and we encourage Congress to implement the legislation in a manner that supports the businesses that produce critical construction and other materials for the economy.

The building related components of this legislation are an essential first step in upgrading the U.S. building stock to advance resiliency, energy efficiency and renewable energy. By providing for needed investments in building and other physical infrastructure in a fiscally responsible manner, we believe this legislation will have a positive impact on the roofing industry and broader U.S. economy. We urge your support for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Sincerely,

Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association
Chemical Fabrics & Film Association
EPDM Roofing Association
International Institute of Building Enclosure Consultants
National Roofing Contractors Association
National Women in Roofing
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association
Roof Coatings Manufacturers Association
Single Ply Roofing Industry
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance
Tile Roofing Industry Alliance

Cc: United States Senate