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

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 17, 2020

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy,

Thank you for your leadership in protecting the health and economic well-being of our constituents during a time of uncertainty. I write to urge you to prioritize infrastructure spending as part of the next legislative package that Congress considers in response to COVID-19.

I share your strong conviction that we need significant steps to halt the shocks to our society and the deep concerns that many Americans have about their health and financial security. There has been much discussion about urgent actions to provide immediate relief to stabilize our markets in the near-term, but I also urge our Congress to act strategically to buttress our country and secure the longer term economic future of our nation. Every health expert has made clear that COVID-19 will remain a threat for months if not longer, and every financial expert reiterates the serious long-term repercussions we will face.

A short-term stimulus without a longer-term financial strategy could fall short and put our nation at risk. For this reason, I believe it is critically important for any upcoming COVID-19 stimulus package to prioritize infrastructure investments. Infrastructure spending has long been considered to be an important tool for boosting economic productivity in a safe and responsible way, and it is a proven way to create large numbers of new jobs while also doing the important work of rebuilding our communities. It is also the right thing to do for our country that is badly in need of infrastructure upgrades as my congressional district alone has over 40 structurally deficient bridges. In addition to funding new projects to rebuild our roads, bridges and tunnels, I urge you to bring a proposal for consideration that helps us create a more resilient nation that expands access to medical transportation, funds clean water projects, and boosts job quality and creation that will help us weather future crises.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to working with you on these critical issues.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress