



North America's Building Trades Unions

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Sean McGarvey
President

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
713 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Brent Booker
Secretary Treasurer

Dear Senator Brown:

Newton B. Jones
Boilermakers

On behalf of the 3 million members of North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU), I write in support of the Bridge Investment Act.

Kinsey M. Robinson
Roofers

James P. Hoffa
Teamsters

Across the nation, America's infrastructure is in dire need of repair. From urban centers to rural communities, outdated infrastructure presents a direct threat to public safety and economic growth. There is broad, bipartisan consensus that action must be taken to address this issue.

Terry O'Sullivan
LIUNA

James Boland
Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

According to the American Society of Civil Engineers, over 50,000 bridges in the United States were structurally deficient in 2016, with over 188 million trips taken across structurally deficient bridges daily. By creating a grant program specifically designed to address the issue of bridge repair, the Bridge Investment Act would provide much needed resources to fix our nation's crumbling bridges. By allowing for the bundling of small and medium sized projects into single grant applications, the proposed program will accelerate bridge repair in often overlooked parts of the country. Furthermore, the Bridge Investment Act would directly address the issue of "megaprojects" that many large scale interstate bridge projects fall under by allowing for multi-year grant agreements.

Frank Christensen
Elevator Constructors

Kenneth E. Rigmaiden
Painters and Allied Trades

James T. Callahan
Operating Engineers

Joseph Sellers, Jr.
SMART

Lonnie Stephenson
IBEW

Eric M. Dean
Ironworkers

The Bridge Investment Act is exactly the type of legislation that leads to thoughtful consideration of our most pressing infrastructure challenges. Not only will your bill increase the safety of the traveling public and increase economic competitiveness, but the funding authorized will create thousands of jobs, with good wages and benefits, across all facets of the construction industry.

James P. McCourt
Insulators

Daniel E. Stepano
Plasterers' and Cement Masons'

NABTU members are ready, willing, and able to go to work repairing our nation's infrastructure, and we look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Mark McManus
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Sincerely,

Sean McGarvey
President

Value on Display. EVERY DAY.