

January 21, 2021

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United State Senate
S-221, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United State Senate
S-230, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader Schumer and Leader McConnell:

The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) represents American construction contractors, manufacturers, and distributors who build and maintain a wide range of underground facilities and transportation infrastructure. Our member companies provide the manpower and equipment needed to build, repair, and maintain the infrastructure needed to support a range of utilities, including broadband. At a sensitive time when America is continuing its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that essential federal infrastructure departments have leadership in place as soon as possible.

As a former mayor of a city with infrastructure over a century old, Mayor Pete Buttigieg understands how critical concrete and steel is to a community's health and growth. As a presidential candidate, Mayor Buttigieg's \$1 trillion infrastructure plan pointed to ideas to repair our nation's aging pipes, highways, bridges, and telecom equipment fit NUCA's long-standing emphasis on building robust community infrastructure. He also understands the importance of putting Americans back to work and supports an infrastructure package that will help rebuild our communities and help accelerate our nation's economic recovery.

NUCA supports Mayor Buttigieg's nomination to the important position of USDOT Secretary and urges the Senate to move swiftly on his confirmation. We look forward to working with him and his team to rebuild and expand America's essential infrastructure systems, and we encourage his confirmation as soon as possible as the country continues to react to this pandemic.

We thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



Doug Carlson
Chief Executive Officer