

September 24, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

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. In advance of the upcoming vote on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, NUCA asks that you urge your respective caucus to vote YES on this critical piece of legislation.

America's infrastructure is in disrepair. According to current Environmental Protection Agency estimates, there is an estimated \$271 billion in wastewater and \$473 billion in drinking water needs by 2040. As water infrastructure systems continue to age, or are tested by extreme weather events, or face mounting costs of complying with environmental and health regulations, including the need to replace lead pipes, communities face increasing difficulties in paying for needed infrastructure improvements. The COVID-19 pandemic has also underscored the importance of every American having access to modern high-speed broadband networks at home and at their place of business.

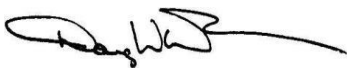
The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act invests over \$35 billion in water and wastewater infrastructure, \$42 billion in broadband construction, and billions more in other badly needed programs, representing one of the largest federal infrastructure investments in American history.

This crucial bill also reforms certain permitting processes used by the construction industry, including codification of recent "One Federal Decision" permitting reforms, and it imposes higher broadband speed standards on new construction to ensure Americans have access to the connections they need in the modern digital economy. This bill will also create hundreds of thousands of new jobs in the decade ahead, not only in our industry but in others who depend on better transportation and infrastructure for their business model success.

Overall, this bipartisan, revenue-neutral bill is a long-overdue historic investment in our nation's infrastructure. It will deliver an economic boost to our industry and the American economy once the full effect of its resources is realized.

NUCA asks that all Members of the U.S. House vote YES on the floor for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Regards,



Doug Carlson
Chief Executive Officer

CC: House Republican Caucus, House Democratic Caucus