



August 4, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the more than 200 organizations representing rural communities, U.S. agricultural producers, rural businesses and rural families that comprise the Rebuild Rural Coalition, we write in support of the Presidential Advisory Council on Infrastructure (Council) and ask that you include in the Council representatives with specific experience and expertise in rural infrastructure. Your effort to make investment in our nation's infrastructure a priority is critically important and we look forward to working with you to help reinvigorate rural America.

It is imperative that this Council study and make recommendations regarding the appropriate level of federal and private-sector investment in infrastructure projects impacting both urban and rural America including surface transportation, aviation, locks and dams, ports and waterways, agricultural research, broadband, energy, healthcare, housing and water — all critical areas of focus our Coalition has raised with the National Economic Council and on Capitol Hill — throughout this year.

In order to ensure the Council's report is as comprehensive as possible, we urge you to consider the voices of our rural communities. Our nation's rural towns, cities and counties face unique challenges and the Coalition strongly believes the Council will benefit from a diverse perspective. Including representatives from rural America in the Council will help to ensure that the infrastructure needs of all Americans are taken into full consideration upon developing these vital recommendations. We greatly appreciate your Administration's announced intention to include specific rural infrastructure proposals as part of your legislative proposal later this year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Agribusiness Association of Iowa  
Agribusiness Council of Indiana  
Agricultural and Food Transporters Conference  
Agricultural Retailers Association  
Agriculture Transportation Coalition  
Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperatives  
Alaska Power Association  
Alliance for I-69 Texas  
Almond Alliance of California  
American Association of Crop Insurers  
American Cotton Shippers Association  
American Dairy Coalition  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Feed Industry Association  
American Horse Council  
American Sheep Industry Association  
American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers  
American Soybean Association  
Arkansas Electric Cooperatives  
Arkansas Soybean Association  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives  
Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives  
Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives  
Board on Agriculture Assembly of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Bongards Premium Cheese  
California Association of Winegrape Growers  
Colorado Rural Electric Association  
Cooperative Network  
Corn Refiners Association  
Council for Affordable & Rural Housing  
Crop Insurance Professionals Association  
Empire State Potato Growers, Inc.  
Empire State Water Well Drillers' Association  
Equipment Dealers Association  
Farm Credit Council  
Farmer Mac  
Farmworker Association of Florida, Inc.  
Federation of Southern Cooperatives Rural Training and Research Center  
First District Association  
Florida Electric Cooperatives Association  
Georgia Electric Membership Corporation  
Golden State Power Cooperative  
Grain and Feed Association of Illinois  
Great Plains Canola Association

I-14 / Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition  
Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association  
Idaho Grain Producers Association  
Illinois Corn Growers Association  
Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association  
Illinois Soybean Association  
Indiana Corn Growers Association  
Indiana Electric Cooperatives  
Indiana Soybean Alliance  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives  
Iowa Corn Growers Association  
Iowa Institute for Cooperatives  
Iowa Soybean Association  
Kansas Association of Wheat Growers  
Kansas Cooperative Council  
Kansas Electric Cooperatives  
Kansas Grain and Feed Association  
Kansas Soybean Association  
Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives  
Kentucky Corn Growers Association  
Kentucky Soybean Association  
Louisiana Association of Cooperatives  
Louisiana Ground Water Association  
Maryland Grain Producers Association  
Michigan Agri-Business Association  
Michigan Bean Shippers  
Michigan Electric Cooperative Association  
Michigan Soybean Association  
Midwest Shippers Association  
Minnesota AgriGrowth Council  
Minnesota Corn Growers Association  
Minnesota Farmers Union  
Minnesota Grain and Feed Association  
Minnesota Milk Producers Association  
Minnesota Pork Producers Association  
Mississippi Association of Cooperatives  
Mississippi Soybean Association  
Missouri Corn Growers Association  
Missouri Soybean Association  
Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association  
Montana Grain Growers Association  
National Association of Counties  
National Association of Development Organizations  
National Association of Federally Impacted Schools  
National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
National Association of Towns and Townships  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Barley Growers Association  
National Black Growers Council  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Cooperative Business Association  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Family Farm Coalition  
National Farmers Union  
National Grain and Feed Association  
National Grange  
National Ground Water Association  
National Latino Farmers & Ranchers Trade Association  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Potato Council  
National Rural Economic Developers Association  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
National Rural Health Association  
National Rural Housing Coalition  
National Rural Water Association  
National Sorghum Producers  
National Sunflower Association  
Nebraska Corn Growers Association  
Nebraska Grain and Feed Association  
Nebraska Rural Electric Association  
Nebraska Soybean Association  
Nevada Rural Electric Association  
New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
New York Corn and Soybean Association  
New York State Agribusiness Associations  
New York State Vegetable Growers Association  
North American Millers' Association  
North Carolina Electric Cooperatives  
North Carolina Ground Water Association  
North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association  
North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives  
North Dakota Corn Growers Association  
North Dakota Grain Dealers Association  
North Dakota Soybean Growers Association  
Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

Northeast Association of Electric Cooperatives  
Northeast Cooperative Council  
NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association  
Ohio Agribusiness Association  
Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers  
Ohio Dairy Producers Association  
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation  
Ohio Pork Council  
Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives  
Ohio Soybean Association  
Oklahoma Agribusiness Retailers Association  
Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperative Council  
Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives  
Oklahoma Soybean Association  
Oklahoma Wheat Growers Association  
Oregon Potato Commission  
Oregon Wheat Growers League  
Panhandle Peanut Growers Association  
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau  
Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association  
Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors  
Rocky Mountain Agribusiness Association  
Rural and Agriculture Council of America  
Rural Coalition/Coalición Rural  
Rural Community Assistance Partnership  
Rural Community College Alliance  
Rural Development Leadership Network  
SE Minnesota Grain and Feed Dealers  
Select Milk Producers, Inc.  
South Carolina Fertilizer and AgriChemical Association  
South Carolina Peach Council  
South Dakota Association of Cooperatives  
South Dakota Corn Growers Association  
South Dakota Rural Electric Association  
South Dakota Soybean Association  
Southern Peanut Farmers Federation  
Southwest Council of Agribusiness  
Soy Transportation Coalition  
State Agriculture and Rural Leaders  
Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association  
Tennessee Soybean Association  
Texas Ag Industries Association  
Texas Elective Cooperatives  
Texas Grain and Feed Association  
Texas Vegetation Management Association  
The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina  
U.S. Canola Association

U.S. Dry Bean Council  
U.S. Forage Export Council  
U.S. Poultry and Egg Association  
United Egg Producers  
United Fresh Produce Association  
USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council  
USA Rice  
Utah Rural Electric Association  
Virginia Agribusiness Council  
Virginia Beef Industry Council  
Virginia Cattlemen's Association  
Virginia Cooperative Council  
Virginia Farm Bureau  
Virginia FFA Association  
Virginia Horse Council  
Virginia Poultry Federation  
Virginia State Dairymen's Association  
Virginia Telecommunications Industry Association  
Virginia Water Well Association  
Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives  
Washington Association of Wheat Growers  
Washington State Potato Commission  
Water Systems Council  
Water Well Trust  
Waterways Council, Inc.  
West Virginia Farm Bureau  
West Virginia FFA and Agricultural Education  
West Virginia Poultry Association  
Western Peanut Growers Association  
Wisconsin Agri-business Association  
Wisconsin Corn Growers Association  
Wisconsin Soybean Association  
Women Involved in Farm Economics  
WTA - Advocates for Rural Broadband  
Wyoming Rural Electric Association

CC: The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr. Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce