



November 2, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development,
and Related Agencies
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The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
House Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development,
and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Cole, and Ranking Member Quigley,

On behalf of our 1,100 member companies, the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) thanks you for your leadership advancing the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD), and Related Agencies for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 spending bill. This \$68.2B package ensures the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is fully funded, promotes continued work for the annual appropriations process, and supports regular order.

NAPA is the only national trade association exclusively representing companies across the nation associated with the production and construction of asphalt pavements. More than 94 percent of America's roadways and more than 80 percent of the nation's airfields are surfaced with asphalt. Our industry employs more than 350,000 hard-working men and women across the country. All asphalt mixtures used in the United States are produced right here, by asphalt mix plants in every Congressional district.

We are appreciative of the FY24 T-HUD appropriations package and key provisions that support the critical role asphalt plays in maintaining the nation's resilient infrastructure network. We are pleased to see included funding for the Airfield Pavement Technology Program (AFTP), which provides \$6M in grants to the asphalt and concrete industries for applied research, implementing new pavement designs and methodologies, and promoting the latest airfield pavements to improve quality, maintain high specifications, and reduce costs. Further, we appreciate language clarifying Buy America, Build America Act (BABAA) implementation as it pertains to construction materials under the 70917(c) provisions, ensuring that asphalt production can continue without unintended consequences. Finally, we are pleased the FY24 T-HUD package maintains a continued focus on material neutrality and supporting the local and regional engineering experts best suited to determine individual project needs, costs, and variables as related to construction materials.

Please consider NAPA and our members as resources for examining the health of highway and research programs, as well as the state of our nation's surface transportation network and the impacts of continued

robust federal funding needed from Congress each year. The asphalt pavement industry appreciates your continued leadership and looks forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Audrey Copeland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Audrey Copeland, Ph.D., P.E.
President & CEO