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## **NAPA Statement on IIJA Enactment into Law**

GREENBELT, MD— National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) President and CEO Audrey Copeland, Ph.D., P.E., issued this statement following the President's signature of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) on November 15:

"NAPA and like-minded organizations in the transportation construction industry, along with our engaged member companies and State Asphalt Pavement Association partners, have advocated for adequate and consistent federal highway funding for a very long time. We are thrilled and thankful to advance this once-in-a-generation bill, with a significant investment in transportation infrastructure, across the finish line in a bipartisan way.

"IIJA is an investment in every American that will spur economic activity, jobs, and innovation, while advancing carbon reduction. Asphalt pavement is already America's most recycled product, and our industry is embarking on a bold vision toward net zero carbon emissions. We will, as we always have, do our part for our communities and our country, including our shared climate.

"The asphalt pavement industry stands ready to move this country forward, state by state, region by region. Following federal guidelines on IIJA implementation, our experts – members, staff, research partners, and others – will continue to employ the best science, safety practices, fiduciary responsibility, and environmental stewardship to connect communities and keep America moving."

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