



The Honorable James Inhofe
Chair, Committee on Environment &
Public Works

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Ranking Member, Committee on Environment &
Public Works and Subcommittee on
Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable David Vitter
Chair, Transportation & Infrastructure
Subcommittee

The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chair, Committee on Transportation &
Infrastructure

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation &
Infrastructure

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chair, Highways and Transit Subcommittee

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
Ranking Member, Highways and Transit
Subcommittee

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Dear Chairpersons and Ranking Members:

We, the members of the National Parks Second Century Action Coalition and other partners, write to thank you for the continued investments made in national parks and other federal lands in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The funding increases for the Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP) and the establishment of Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program are a great start to more adequately addressing the increasingly costly backlog of repairs in our national parks and other federal lands.

The additional \$220 million (over the span of the bill) directly for national parks in the Federal Lands Transportation Program will help address the \$6 billion deferred maintenance backlog facing national park transportation systems throughout the country. Additionally, the authorization of up to \$100 million annually for the newly established Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Programs will help address some of the large repair projects in our national parks and other federal lands such as the Arlington Memorial Bridge, the commuter bridge between Virginia and Washington D.C.

Maintaining our transportation systems in national parks, wildlife refuges and forests is of vital importance to the continued public use and enjoyment by people of our nation's federal lands. Our nation's federal lands depend solely on federal investments to maintain and repair them. Therefore, we

look forward to working with Congress to provide additional resources to our national parks and other federal lands to ensure visitors continue to enjoy our national treasures.

Sincerely,

American Bus Association
American Forests
American Hiking Society
American Recreation Coalition
American Society of Travel Agents
Appalachian Trail Conservancy
Association of Partners for Public Lands
Coalition to Protect America's National Parks
Destination Marketing Association International
Friends of Acadia
Friends of Saguaro National Park
International Motor Coach Group
Japanese American Citizens League
National Association of Counties
National Park Hospitality Association
National Parks Conservation Association
National Tour Association
Outdoor Industry Association
Receptive Services Association of America
Skal International--USA
Southeast Tourism Society
Student and Youth Travel Association
United States Tour Operators Association
US Travel Association
Western National Parks Association