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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the \$288 billion U.S. equipment manufacturing industry, I write to you to express our full support for including major new infrastructure investment in the next government relief package. Significant investment in U.S. roads, highways, bridges, broadband networks, waterways, airports, and utilities will help support job growth and retention at a time of great economic uncertainty for our nation.

AEM represents more than 1,000 companies and supports 2.8 million jobs throughout the United States. Our member companies serve the agriculture, construction, utilities, mining, and forestry sectors of the economy, and are part of the essential critical infrastructure workforce as determined by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. The ability for our industry and our workforce to continue to support our country and the economy now and in the future depends on strong and immediate federal action.

As you begin to work on specifics, we urge you to consider the following infrastructure investments:

- Immediate reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program;
- Permanent revenue solution for the federal Highway Trust Fund;
- Meaningful investment in rural broadband infrastructure;
- Modernization of the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC); and
- Reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act.

AEM is grateful for your leadership as our country navigates these difficult and unprecedented times. We recognize that the federal response is just a part of what is needed to protect our communities, and I would like to assure you that our industry understands how important the public-private partnership is during this situation. As you work on the next government relief package, including investments in our nation's infrastructure, we encourage you to consider our industry as a partner and resource.

We look forward to working with you to rebuild and modernize our nation's infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Dennis Slater  
President  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers