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Immediate Attention Requested

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To: Members of the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

**Support Buy America and Sign Rep. Mike Bost's Letter
To House T&I Chair Graves and Ranking Member Larsen**

Background: Steel is foundational to American economic capability and national security, and the American steel industry leads the world in clean and energy-efficient steel production. For over four decades, strong domestic procurement preferences for federally-funded infrastructure projects, known as "Buy America," have made sure that taxpayer dollars are used to procure only American-made steel products.

This policy ensures that taxpayer funds are spent in the United States and support good-paying American jobs that cannot be offshored to nations that disregard worker safety, pollute excessively, and undermine our supply chain resilience. As Rep. Bost's letter notes: "Strong Buy America laws applied to taxpayer-funded infrastructure projects align our investments with our policy priorities and strengthen our national security, by reducing dependence on unreliable foreign suppliers."

Situation: The last Highway Bill included bipartisan *Build America, Buy America* (BABA) provisions that expanded Buy America coverage to ensure that domestic content requirements drive demand for American-made iron and steel, construction products and manufactured products. Making these products domestically supports our economy, national security, and jobs in communities throughout our nation.

It is imperative that this new Highway Bill continue the long-running tradition of bipartisan support for Buy America – in Committee and on the House floor. To that end, Rep. Bost's letter urges committee leadership to maintain the existing BABA framework and work with the Department of Transportation to make sure that the law is administrated effectively and efficiently for the benefit of taxpayers and stakeholders.

Request: Please sign Rep. Bost's letter to House T&I leadership. The draft letter is attached and the deadline for signing is on Friday, May 1st. The Quill link is here:

<https://quill.senate.gov/letters/letter/36134/opt-in/view/aa386fd0-29cc-4704-aa85-b29ede2d171f/>.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Lacey Bowersox with Rep. Bost (Lacey.Bowersox@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Dempsey".

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