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The Honorable John Thune Chairman, Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee 512 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the oldest and largest trade association of the nation's engineering industry – we heartily endorse the nomination of Elaine Chao to be the nation's next Secretary of Transportation.

Our experience in working with Secretary Chao over many years – during her tenures as Deputy Secretary of Transportation and Secretary of Labor – has been that she possesses the highest caliber of professionalism, integrity, and public-mindedness. She has superb understanding and skills to address the nation's transportation challenges and assist President Trump in rebuilding America's infrastructure.

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We are pleased and honored to provide this unequivocal and highest endorsement.

Sincerely.