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ACEC Statement on Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Approval of the INVEST ACT

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The American Council of Engineering Companies – the voice of the nation's engineering industry – released the following statement on the approval of the INVEST Act at today's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee markup.

"ACEC strongly supports the Committee's efforts to move forward with robust legislation to reauthorize federal surface transportation programs and commends the Committee on endorsing funding infusions to backstop state DOT budgets impacted by the pandemic.

Enacting long-term, predictable, and sustained infrastructure funding will spark the economic recovery we desperately need as we exit the COVID-19 economic shutdown. U.S. engineering firms are innovative problem solvers, and the funding and programs in this bill have the potential to unlock the modernization of our highways, bridges, and public transit networks.

While we support the underlying bill, we urge the House to work together across party lines to make the INVEST Act truly bipartisan. Infrastructure investment has historically been something Republicans and Democrats can get behind. A process that welcomes a diversity of views will only improve the final product."

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The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of the nation's engineering industry. Founded in 1906, ACEC is a national federation of 52 state and regional organizations representing more than 5,600 engineering firms and 600,000+ engineers, surveyors, architects, and other specialists nationwide. ACEC member firms drive the design of America's infrastructure and built environment.