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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chair
Senate Committee on Environment &
Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable James M. Inhofe
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment &
Public Works
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Boxer and Inhofe:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the voice of America’s engineering industry – I am pleased to offer our strong support for the nomination of Victor Mendez as the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Mr. Mendez has outstanding experience and skills to lead this important agency. As Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, he was known for both his administrative competence and wise policy development. In particular, he has a reputation for valuing collaboration with a broad transportation stakeholder community. At a time when the FHWA faces tremendous challenges – including a Highway Trust Fund with declining balances – we believe that Mr. Mendez’s instincts for gaining broad advice and applying critical thinking and management skills will serve the American public well.

I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to support the nomination of Victor Mendez as Administrator of the FHWA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Raymond", is written over a horizontal line.