



January 10, 2025

The Honorable Ted Cruz  
Chairman  
Committee on Commerce, Science and  
Transportation  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Commerce, Science and  
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U.S. Senate  
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Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the business association of the nation’s engineering industry – we wish to express our strong support for the nomination of Sean Duffy as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

As a former Member of Congress, Mr. Duffy understands the essential role that our transportation networks play in the nation’s supply chain, economic development, and the safety and wellbeing of its citizens. During his career, he has consistently proven himself to be pragmatic, strategic, and innovative in addressing policy challenges, and we are confident that he will be an effective leader for the U.S. DOT.

This is a critical time for transportation policy, as the new Administration will oversee implementation of the last two years of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and begin working with you and your colleagues on the next surface transportation reauthorization law. Federal highway, transit, and rail programs are funding tens of thousands of projects across the country, and the engineering industry is committed to collaborating with our public sector partners to continue to make good use of these funds. We are eager to work with you, as well as the new team at U.S. DOT to continue the push to modernize our transportation networks to enhance our competitiveness, incorporate new technologies and regulatory reforms to streamline project delivery, improve safety, and enhance resilience and sustainability.

We thank you for scheduling this committee hearing so early in the new year, and we look forward to a quick confirmation process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda Bauer Darr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Bauer Darr  
President and CEO