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*Delivered electronically*

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Capital Investment Committee

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Capital Investment Committee

Dear Governor Walz and Legislative Leaders:

It has now been 745 days—since May 22, 2023—since the last capital investment bill was signed into law. That’s two years without a comprehensive public works package for our communities. We write to urge you to come to an agreement and pass a bonding bill during the next special session.

This prolonged inaction has real consequences. Local governments are left in limbo, design and shovel-ready projects sit idle, and workers and firms see opportunities lost. Every month that passes without investment makes these projects more expensive, prolongs critical repairs, and puts pressure on community services that Minnesotans rely on every day.

As leaders from across the public and private sectors —local government officials, architects, engineers, construction companies, and trades workers — we see firsthand what’s at stake. Minnesotans need you to act.

The [Architecture Billings Index](#) (ABI), a leading economic indicator of construction activity, hit a 10-month low of 44.1 in March of this year. The index provides an approximately 9-to-12-month glimpse into the future of non-residential construction spending activity. Any score below 50.0 indicates *decreasing* business conditions. Uncertainty related to international trade policy is apparent and outside of the State’s control, but the MN State Legislature can impart certainty in our communities and industries by investing in our state’s infrastructure. Without a state bonding bill, local communities will be forced to put off critical infrastructure investments or increase the property tax burden on businesses and residents. Meanwhile, the State’s bond capacity will continue to diminish, making it harder to fund projects in the future.

By bonding and providing funding for public projects from the predesign phase through construction, we create a steady pipeline of work for everyone, from architects to trades. It’s not just about what’s shovel-ready today; it’s about filling the pipeline with projects for the shovels of 2027 and beyond.

We stand united in urging legislative leadership to finish the job and pass a bonding bill during the next special session. We cannot afford inaction on investing in clean water, asset preservation, roads, bridges, and other local infrastructure for Minnesotans.

Sincerely,  
*45 Signers on reverse*

American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota  
American Institute of Architects Minnesota  
ARM of Minnesota  
Associated General Contractors of Minnesota  
Association of Minnesota Counties  
Association of Women Contractors  
Builders Association of Minnesota  
Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities  
Freshwater Society  
Hightower Initiatives  
Independent Millwright Contractors Association  
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49  
Iron Workers Local 512  
Minnesota Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (LECET)  
League of Minnesota Cities  
LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota  
Metro Cities  
Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council  
Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association  
Minnesota Association of Small Cities  
Minnesota Association of Townships  
Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council  
Minnesota Concrete Pipe Association  
MN-Dakotas Conference National Electrical Contractors Association  
Minnesota Drywall & Plaster Association  
Minnesota Electrical Association  
Minnesota Environmental Contractors Association  
Minnesota Floorcovering Contractors Association  
Minnesota Head Start Association  
Minnesota Historical Society  
Minnesota Infrastructure Alliance  
Minnesota Inter-County Association  
Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association  
Minnesota Painting & Wallcovering Association  
Minnesota Public Transit Association  
Minnesota Subcontractors Association  
Minnesota Utility Contractors Association  
Municipal Legislative Commission  
North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters  
North Metro Mayors Association  
Rethos  
Sheet Metal, Air Conditioning & Roofing Contractors Association  
The Minnesota Transportation Alliance  
Thermal Insulation Contractors Association of Minnesota  
Twin Cities Roofing Contractors Association