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Dear Colleagues -

At the beginning of the 117th Congress, House Democrats helped lead our nation through the darkest days of the Covid-19 pandemic and made critical investments in our future. We should be proud of our successes nationwide. With the election behind us, now is the time to recommit ourselves to the task ahead of us—ensuring that the hard-fought gains of the last two years do not recede in the next Congress. To do this, we must choose from among us leaders who can anticipate the challenges ahead and defend the accomplishments we have made.

It is in this spirit that I again state my intention to lead the Democrats as Ranking Member on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee in the 118th Congress and ask for your support.

These last two years have seen remarkable progress in critical areas impacting how we travel and our national infrastructure. Some of that work will continue in the coming years. Chief among this is the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law—a long overdue piece of legislation which will help us ensure that we replace the infrastructure from the 1950s with one which looks ahead to the 2050s.

We Democrats are also realistic about the role that carbon emissions play in our environment, which is why we passed the Inflation Reduction Act—to help begin our nation's transition to a cleaner, greener economy. Together, while defending these initiatives, we must also look for ways to advance the national conversation around equity in transportation. And we must work towards this end while remaining faithful to worker protections and ensure that all who work to make this a reality are justly treated and can organize when not justly treated.

My record in Congress demonstrates an ability to achieve results, whether in the majority or as a member of the minority in the House. Indeed, in my first term in Congress, I helped pass the Pipeline Safety Act of 2002—critical legislation which improved the manner in which energy is transported throughout our country. And, I have helped multiple pass multiple authorizations of critical transportation programs.

I am ready to lead us as we fight to protect our accomplishments and build and improve on our progress. I believe I am the best person to lead this effort and, accordingly, respectfully ask for your support of my candidacy to be Ranking Member on the T&I Committee.

Sincerely,

U.S. Representative

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