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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madame Speaker and Majority Leader Hoyer:

The undersigned organizations appreciate and support the House commitment to make our nation's infrastructure a priority for this session of Congress. Schools are a critical part of our nation's infrastructure and should be included in the House infrastructure package.

We support the infrastructure priorities Speaker Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Schumer have identified in their discussions with the Administration. We support the House priority to make short and long term investments in our national infrastructure including schools. We thank the 210 House cosponsors of the Rebuild America's Schools Act, HR 865, reported favorably by the Education and Labor Committee.

The need to modernize the approximately 100,000 public K-12 school facilities across our nation is extensive. The average public school is nearly 50 years old. The American Society of Civil Engineers rated school facility infrastructure as a D+ estimating 53 percent of schools need improvement to reach good condition. A 2013 Center for Green Schools Report *State of Our Schools* estimated that schools face \$271 billion in deferred maintenance costs. The Report estimates that the cost to bring schools into good repair and to address modernization needs is \$542 billion over the next ten years.

States and local communities are investing in school facilities, but the need is greater than local resources. Federal financial support for state and local efforts to modernize our nation's school facility infrastructure would greatly assist local communities build, repair and renovate our nation's schools, also creating much needed local jobs in communities across our country.

We look forward to working with you as the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Labor, Transportation and Infrastructure and the House of Representatives move forward on rebuilding America's infrastructure including schools.

Sincerely,

Robert Canavan  
Chair

CC: The Honorable Richard E. Neal  
CC: The Honorable Robert C. Scott  
CC: The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio

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