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Dear Snohomish County Congressional Delegation:

We are encouraged by Congressional efforts on a robust infrastructure package and the funding increases in the current appropriations bills. The Senate passed bipartisan infrastructure bill contains important resources for the infrastructure needs in our County and we support its passage as the House of Representatives prepares to vote at the end of the month. The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will invest \$550 billion of new funds for infrastructure needs as well as reauthorize the surface transportation act for the next five years. We appreciate the continued support of our infrastructure priorities and ask that our attached list of projects remain a focus of this effort.

The current infrastructure package includes promising new funding programs for clean water initiatives and climate change infrastructure like electric vehicle charging and energy efficiency upgrades for homes and businesses. County infrastructure needs would also be greatly supported by the National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants, rural Broadband expansion, and the RAISE and INFRA grant programs. Additionally, we hope that any final conference on the infrastructure bill maintains existing programs that have greatly benefitted the County's economic growth like the Airport Improvement Grant program, Port Infrastructure grants, and funding for aerospace manufacturing. Overall, this expansive infrastructure package holds a lot of potential to provide critical resources to our region, especially if these dollars can be directed to where the needs and opportunities are greatest.

The projects on the attached list are widely supported by leaders across our County and together we ask for your support as the pending infrastructure legislation is finalized. We appreciate your continued support, and please let us know how we can be helpful going forward.

Sincerely,

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