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Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition

April 6, 2017

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition (GLMCC) – composed of nearly 40 Chambers of Commerce in the Great Lakes states – we write in support of investing in our economy through comprehensive infrastructure legislation in 2017. Additionally, we write to highlight a number of critical infrastructure projects in the Great Lakes region that we request your consideration of as the process moves forward.

We share your emphasis on the critical need to address America's infrastructure. As the manufacturing base of America, the infrastructure crisis we face not only impacts our businesses and citizens, but the productivity of the nation as a whole. The members of the Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition (GLMCC) will be active partners with your Administration in achieving this common objective.

The business leaders represented by the GLMCC have identified the attached list of priority infrastructure projects that will help achieve your goal of significantly enhancing American competitiveness as well as put thousands of hard working Americans to work in the Midwest region. Attached, you will find a list of infrastructure projects identified as priorities by members of the GLMCC. The list is not ranked or weighted, nor is it comprehensive, but reflects the analysis of the GLMCC.

Relatedly, the GLMCC encourages your Administration to support policies that ensure the mobility of people and goods as opposed to specific modes of transportation. This is why we look for your support of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Smart City Challenge as well as support for public transportation. Further, as you know, communities in our region and across the nation have immediate challenges regarding water systems (clean drinking water and sewer) and broadband infrastructure to allow our rural and underserved areas to take advantage of 21st Century opportunities. Finally, our communities rely on the Great Lakes as a natural resource and driver of economic growth. We fully support the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and urge its full funding.

The GLMCC and our member chambers look forward to your success in implementing key aspects of your agenda that will allow our economy to thrive. Your vision, laid out in your bold call for \$1 trillion in infrastructure investment to "launch our national rebuilding" is one we share and support. The GLMCC coalition and member companies stand ready to work with your team to invest in America.

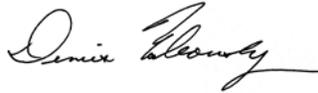
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Attachment: Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition Membership List
Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition 2017-2018 Infrastructure Priorities

cc: The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary of Transportation