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Dear Director Vought:

We write to strongly condemn the decision by the Trump Administration and the Office Management and Budget (OMB) to freeze roughly \$32 billion in infrastructure projects in Democrat-led states. This partisan attack illustrates the Trump Administration's blatant disregard for the Constitution and the role of Congress in designating and spending taxpayers' money while at the same time jeopardizing state and local resources that support our nation's infrastructure.

In 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) passed with broad bipartisan support in both chambers and was signed into law. The IIJA provided \$1.2 trillion to repair and modernize our nation's crumbling infrastructure, including \$550 billion in new funds over 10 years to shore up roads, bridges and highways, improve internet access, and modernize the nation's power grid.

On October 1, 2025, the Federal Government entered a lapse in appropriations. However, OMB has taken the unprecedented step during the shutdown to politically target blue states by freezing infrastructure projects. On October 1, 2025, OMB Director Russ Vought announced that \$18 billion in New York City infrastructure projects would be put on hold under the flimsy pretext that it unconstitutionally relates to DEI principles.¹ Two days later, Director Vought announced that \$2.1 billion in Chicago infrastructure projects – specifically the Red Line Extension and the Red and Purple Modernization Project – would also be frozen under the same pretext.² On 10/17/2025, Director Vought froze an additional \$11 billion in U.S. Army Corp of Engineer projects in New York, San Francisco, Boston, and Baltimore.³ These projects are not designed to benefit one party, but to improve our nation's infrastructure, boost economic growth, and enhance quality of life for all Americans – regardless of political affiliation. Freezing these projects will only result in unnecessary delays, more congestion, and substantial job losses.

¹ <https://x.com/russvought/status/1973386129320665329>

² <https://x.com/russvought/status/1974074373251477524>

³ <https://x.com/russvought/status/1979252301945803092>

President Trump and Director Vought think that these abuses are demonstrations of strength, but they only hurt Americans – many of whom voted for them – and hardens opposition to their lawless administration. Therefore, we call on the Trump Administration and OMB to immediately unfreeze all infrastructure funding and to stop playing political games during a government shutdown as these partisan attacks will have lasting regional and national economic impacts.

Sincerely,



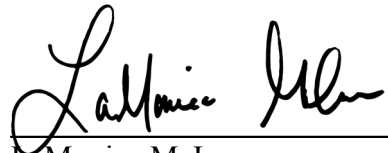
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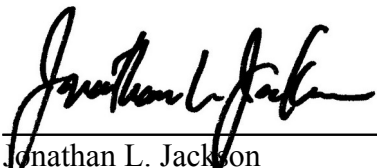
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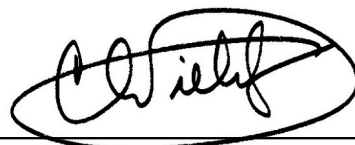
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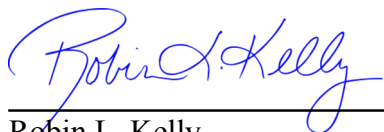
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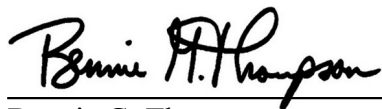
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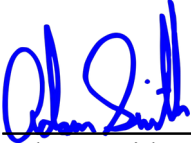
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