

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 8, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear President Biden and Secretary Buttigieg,

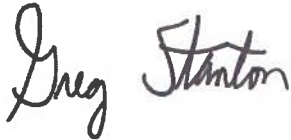
We are writing to seek your assistance in securing the financial resources required to expeditiously complete the Tier II Environmental Impact Statement for Interstate 11 and the construction of this critical component of our Interstate System. As you assemble your “Build Back Better” infrastructure investment package, we ask that you include provisions that will provide an opportunity for Arizona and Nevada to access the Federal transportation funding required to complete Interstate 11. We are committed to working with you on this regional and national transportation priority.

As Members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, we worked successfully with Chairman DeFazio during the 116th Congress to develop legislation that provides the Federal funding necessary to advance the timely completion of Interstate 11. Section 1301 of the Moving Forward Act (H.R. 2), as passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, provides up to \$100 million for development phase activities and construction of projects of national and regional significance. We would ask that you adopt the approach to funding transportation projects of national and regional importance provided in Section 1301.

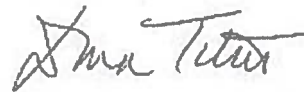
Currently, Phoenix, Arizona and Las Vegas, Nevada are the two largest cities in the United States not connected by an Interstate. The economic futures of both cities are inextricably tied to the completion of Interstate 11. However, the economic benefits of completing Interstate 11 extend well beyond Phoenix and Las Vegas. Thousands of engineering and construction jobs in Nevada and Arizona will be created in the near term and billions of dollars in additional annual commerce between the United States and Mexico will be facilitated by Interstate 11. Perhaps no investment in the Interstate System has the potential for greater economic benefit or broader bipartisan support in the U.S. Congress.

Your thoughtful leadership in the modernization of our nation's Interstate System is greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you as Members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to ensure that funding for the timely completion of Interstate 11 is a national priority and part of the Build Back Better initiative.

Sincerely,



Greg Stanton
Member of Congress



Dina Titus
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Chairman, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee