

September 11, 2026

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chairman
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Including S. 4245, the Safer Roads for Those Who Serve Act of 2026, in the Senate Surface Transportation Reauthorization

Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

The undersigned organizations write in strong support of S. 4245, the Safer Roads for Those Who Serve Act of 2026, introduced by Senators Catherine Cortez Masto and Dave McCormick. As the Committee develops the Senate surface transportation reauthorization legislation, we respectfully urge you to incorporate the provisions of S. 4245 into the Committee's legislative package.

Every day, construction workers, maintenance crews, utility personnel, emergency responders, law enforcement officers, tow truck operators, and other roadside professionals work alongside moving traffic to build and maintain our infrastructure, restore essential services, respond to emergencies, and keep the traveling public safe. These men and women continue to face significant risks from distracted, impaired, and speeding drivers.

S. 4245 provides practical, data-driven tools to help address these dangers. The legislation would improve the collection and reporting of highway worker crash data, require states experiencing increases in worker injuries and fatalities to address those trends in their Strategic Highway Safety Plans, strengthen public awareness of Move Over laws, support additional worker safety research, and encourage applicants for major federal transportation grants to incorporate work zone safety measures into project planning.

These policies also have strong public support. Nationwide polling of more than 10,000 registered voters found that 76% support improving work zone safety data and worker protections.¹ Better data, public awareness, research, and safety planning will help states and

¹ America's Moving Forward, Morning Consult survey of more than 10,000 registered voters nationwide, <https://mcdatahub.com/americanmovingforward/>.

communities identify risks and deploy effective measures to protect both roadside workers and the traveling public.

We respectfully urge the Committee to include the provisions of S. 4245, the Safer Roads for Those Who Serve Act of 2026, in its surface transportation reauthorization legislation. Those who work to keep our nation's roads safe and operational deserve to return home safely at the end of every shift.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Associated General Contractors of America

AAA

Airports Council International - North America (ACI-NA)

American Concrete Pavement Association

American Highway Users Alliance

American Road & Transportation Builders Association

American Society of Civil Engineers

American Subcontractors Association

American Traffic Safety Services Association

American Trucking Associations

Association of Equipment Manufacturers

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

FCA International

International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association

National Association of County Engineers

National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials

National Utility Contractors Association

National Waste & Recycling Association

NATSO, representing travel centers and truck stops