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COMMITMENT TO REBUILDING AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS: America's infrastructure is in dire need of immediate repair and long term investment, American Society of Civil Engineers recently graded our nation's infrastructure a D+ and Ohio's a C- and recommended an investment of \$3.6 trillion by the year 2020 to meet the needs of our economy; and

WHEREAS: The failure to invest in America's infrastructure will have far reaching negative effects on our nation's economy through increased transportation costs, declining exports, and the reduction of investment in jobs within the construction, manufacturing, and transportation sectors of our economy; and

WHEREAS: According to the White House Council of Economic Advisors every \$1 billion spent on infrastructure will create 13,000 new jobs, these job opportunities support the members of the Ohio State Building & Construction Trades Council; and

WHEREAS: Ohio State Building & Construction Trades Council fully supports Secretary Clinton proposed five-years \$275 billion dollar infrastructure plan; the plan calls for \$250 billion in direct public investment and another \$25 billion to fund a national infrastructure bank dedicated to leveraging additional investments from the private sector to support the development of local infrastructure projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Ohio AFL-CIO reaffirms its commitment to the robust investment in our nation's infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Ohio AFL-CIO will lobby, educate and inform decision makers, lawmakers, rank and file as well as the general public of the importance of infrastructure investments. Thereby reaffirming its relationship with the Building Trades and its affiliated Local Unions by assisting or leading in this endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Ohio AFL-CIO will lobby, educate and inform decision makers, lawmakers, rank and file as well as the general public of the importance of purchasing and using American Made products, such as steel, when making these infrastructure investments.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: The Ohio AFL-CIO, its affiliates and constituency groups will use all forms of communication at their disposal to inform public, private, and industrial unions of the importance and benefits of strong infrastructure investment in both Ohio and across the nation.

Submitted by: Ohio State Building & Construction Trades Council