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The Honorable John Barrasso
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper
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RE: AGC Support for Nomination of Ms. Nicole Nason to FHWA Administrator

Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member:

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Nicole Nason to serve as Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration. AGC is a national association representing more than 27,000 construction industry businesses with chapters and members in every state, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Many of our member companies are involved in the construction and reconstruction of the nation’s infrastructure, including our National Highway System. All of our members believe that a strong partnership between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), state departments of transportation and the construction industry is the key to providing the nation with needed transportation infrastructure improvements in a safe, innovative, efficient and cost-effective fashion.

Ms. Nason has an exemplary background in transportation, having served as the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NTSHA) from 2006-2008 in the George W. Bush Administration. Prior to that, she worked as Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs at the U.S. Department of Transportation, where she worked closely with Congress on enacting SAFETEA-LU transportation authorization legislation. AGC has had the pleasure of working with Ms. Nason in her current position at the Department of State on issues related to the construction of U.S. Embassies, where she again has shown herself to be a highly capable and effective leader.

As the 116th Congress prepares to work with the Trump Administration on legislation to return the nation’s infrastructure to world class status, it is important to have a strong leader at the helm of the Federal Highway Administration. Ms. Nason is a superb choice to fulfill FHWA’s leadership role in improving mobility on our nation's highways. As such, AGC urges the Senate to quickly confirm her nomination.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Sandherr
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The Associated General Contractors of America