June 25, 2015

The Honorable James M. Inhofe  
Chairman, Senate Environment & Public Works Committee  
205 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Ranking Member, Senate Environment & Public Works Committee  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Inhofe and Ranking Member Boxer:

The Highway Materials Group would like to thank the Committee for unanimously passing S. 1647, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act. We fully support this bipartisan legislation and appreciate your efforts to address the critical national priority of implementing a six-year surface transportation reauthorization program that sustains America’s highways, roads, and bridges. Continuous delays only cause America to fall further behind in assuring a surface transportation network that meets the ever expanding needs of a system that is essential to economic growth, job creation, global competitiveness, increased safety, cleaner air, and the way of life Americans enjoy.

The Highway Materials Group looks forward to working with committee members to advance this bill and help educate those members in the Senate who are not as familiar with the highway program. The time for action is now in order to avoid bankruptcy of the program and to DRIVE the system into the 21st Century.

Again, many thanks for your efforts.

Sincerely,

American Coal Ash Association  
American Concrete Pavement Association  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
Portland Cement Association

Cc: Members of the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee