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The Honorable Ted Cruz Chairman, Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Maria Cantwell Ranking Member, Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

## RE: AGC Support for Mr. Duffy's Nomination to be Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation

Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) supports the nomination of former Congressman Sean Duffy as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT). AGC is a national construction trade association representing more than 28,000 construction firms with chapters and members in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. AGC chapters and members work on transportation projects nationwide and understand the importance of investing in our nation's infrastructure.

A major goal for the incoming administration will be carrying out the remainder of funding and projects under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which supports projects through September 2026. These funds ensure that state and local governments can fix roads and bridges in need of repair, and also support well-paying construction jobs. AGC is hopeful that former Congressman Duffy can use this position to direct funding towards nationally and regionally significant infrastructure priorities that will help our members get construction materials to the jobsite.

AGC has supported many reforms to the environmental review and permitting processes across federal agencies to improve bureaucratic processes that are inefficient or duplicative. We believe former Congressman Duffy will be a great advocate for these reforms as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

AGC looks forward to working with former Congressman Duffy on the construction of our nation's transportation systems and continuing our positive working relationship with the U.S. DOT. As such, we urge the Senate to quickly confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Shoaf

Chief Executive Officer

CC: All members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation