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**Letter to Congress Urging Infrastructure Investment**

Dear\_\_\_\_\_

I’m writing today to encourage Congressional passage of a broad infrastructure funding package. Now, more than ever, our nation needs a robust infrastructure plan. I also want you to know the design-build industry is uniquely qualified to help in these challenging times. Please support policy proposals that will encourage the use of design-build to allow for the most efficient use of tax-payer dollars.

Our nation will be facing economic repercussions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic for quite some time. History has shown time and again that investment in infrastructure is an effective and efficient method of getting Americans back to work. By investing today in the work of rebuilding and modernizing our nation’s essential infrastructure, we’re also investing in an economic expansion for years to come, as future generations will benefit from much of that long-lived infrastructure.

Design-build is a method of project delivery in which one entity – the design-build team – works under a single contract with the project Owner to provide design and construction services. [Research](https://dbia.org/impact/) shows early collaboration and design-build’s inherent ability to innovate and adapt delivers efficient projects from both a time and cost perspective. In short, utilizing design-build will put tax-payer dollars to work as quickly as possible.

Design-build’s nimble nature and proven speed mean that my industry is prepared to be help lead the very near-term work needed to refit and repurpose structures to meet immediate healthcare and related production needs. Responding [in times of crisis](https://dbia.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Design-Build-in-Times-of-Crisis-2019.pdf) is a design-build strength which has includes rebuilding the Pentagon post-9/11, repairing essential military bases after recent hurricanes, and helping fix key highway, road and bridges that have failed.

I urge Congress to work with the Design-Build Institute of America on provisions that would promote an increased and better use of design-build. Briefly, these policy suggestions would

(1) encourage public sector officials to utilize the best project delivery method for their circumstances and to achieve the best value for the taxpayer, and

(2) provide funding for education and training on design-build, to ensure public agencies and teams are equipped to maximize the power of design-build on their projects.

Thank you for attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you on Congress’ plans regarding a broad infrastructure package, and I encourage you to reach out to the Design-Build Institute of America at 202-454-7507 for information and details on our policy proposals.

Sincerely,