

January 25, 2019

The Honorable Sen. John Barrasso
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sen. Tom Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

On behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), I'm writing to express the Association's utmost support for Nicole R. Nason to be approved by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and confirmed by the full Senate to become the next Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.


AASHTO is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing the state transportation departments (state DOTs) in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. We represent our member departments with respect to all five transportation modes: air, highways, public transportation, rail, and water. Our primary goal is to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system.

As Congress prepares to reauthorize the federal surface transportation programs and consider an infrastructure investment package, we need an experienced federal administrator with a deep understanding of transportation policy to lead the Federal Highway Administration. Ms. Nason's experience as Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs at the U.S. Department of Transportation makes her well suited to work with Congress to help achieve these goals.

State Departments of Transportation are committed to working toward a goal of zero traffic fatalities. During Ms. Nason's tenure as NHTSA Administrator, highway fatalities reached an all-time low and seat belt use rates reached a higher level than they had been in the past. Ms. Nason is a proven safety leader, and I am confident she will work closely with State Departments of Transportation as Federal Highway Administrator to achieve this important goal of zero traffic fatalities on our nation's roads.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Ms. Nason's nomination, and we look forward to continue working with you.

Sincerely,



Jim Tymon
Executive Director