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Hon. Andrew R. Wheeler  
 Administrator  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Wheeler:

I write to you on behalf of the construction industry and workers in the State of California whose livelihood would be negatively impacted by a loss of federal highway funding as well as delays in new source review permits, as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has threatened in a letter to the California Air Resources Board dated today. Federal highway funding has long been a tool used to ensure cooperation and compliance. However, a loss of funding would only penalize the very communities the Clean Air Act was intended to protect: failing to deliver on our infrastructure and gerotec improvements to air quality.

AGC appreciates the Trump Administration's efforts to streamline the environmental review and permitting process to deliver infrastructure in a timely manner. These efforts could lead to real improvements in our nation's quality of life within a quicker timeframe. Congestion continues to exact a toll on our nation's economic and environmental health. The [Bureau of Economic Analysis](#) shows that the cost of congestion --- from wasted time and fuel --- has nearly doubled in 2017 over the cost per average commuter in 1982. Furthermore, congestion caused 3.3 billion gallons of wasted fuel and related emissions in 2017.

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