



THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY URGES MINNESOTA TO INVEST IN COMMUNITIES

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On behalf of the Minnesota construction industry, we would like to thank Governor Walz and the Minnesota Legislature for their leadership during this difficult time. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we live and work, and thoughtful leadership by the State is crucial.

As the end of the 2020 Minnesota Legislative Session draws near, the legislature has an opportunity to help local economies across the state, create tens of thousands of jobs, and address the need for critical infrastructure. These three things can be achieved by a strong bonding bill.

There are billions of dollars of unmet infrastructure needs across Minnesota. And there are bonding proposals currently up for consideration that would invest more than \$2 billion to meet these needs. The legislature has an opportunity to make these significant investments into local economies to address asset preservation, community development, safe water, schools, hospitals, roads, bridges and transit. This bonding investment will serve as the economic stimulus that will jumpstart Minnesota's economy, helping Minnesota recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A strong bonding bill will create tens of thousands of construction and related jobs in every corner of our State. The union construction industry has the skilled, trained workforce needed to build Minnesota. Construction contractors and trades unions are working in partnership together to ensure that Minnesota's construction workforce can go to work safely even while we continue to flatten the curve on COVID-19.

State leadership in these challenging times is more important than ever before. The construction industry is integral to Minnesota's economy and stands ready to meet the needs of the state's recovery from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. We urge you to invest in a strong bonding bill as part of economic recovery that will keep our businesses and workers working and help build Minnesota's future.

Sincerely,

Minnesota Construction Industry Representatives