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Dear Washington House Congressional Members,

Our nation's infrastructure is in dire need of investment to maintain safe schools, airport facilities, and bridges. At the same time, we must also be making investments in clean energy, high-capacity and high-speed transit, and water systems that protect families and children, and create living-wage jobs here in the United States. We must go further, and ensure that those jobs include benefits that cover health, dental, and retirement for the workers building this infrastructure.

We, members of the Seattle City Council, write to express solidarity with those supporting House Concurrent Resolution 63. Considering the disproportionate impact of climate change on low-income communities, communities of color, and Native communities, the Trump Administration's infrastructure outline, combined with their repeated policy positions, includes tactics designed to degrade the rights of workers who build our infrastructure, weaken protections for our environment, and cause irreparable harm to the nation's working classes. Further, statements made to date show any plan from the Administration will rely on massive privatization of our nation's infrastructure, leading to high tolls paid to corporations, and decreased standards of pay and benefits for workers.

State and local governments already provide 80 percent of highway, transit, and rail spending each year, and 98 percent of drinking and wastewater spending. In Seattle, we are proud that we have continued to lead on these investments, coupled with worker protections. Whether through our recent Housing Levy, the capital plan as part of the Seattle Park District, or the Let's Move Seattle Levy, the City of Seattle is putting our values into action. Through our Local Hire and Priority Hire programs, we are working to undo the disparate impacts to communities of color caused by years of

systemic racism. We have a model that is being replicated across the country at the municipal level because it works, and it is the right thing to do.

We need a partner in the federal government to expand this type of equitable investment. This Administration would require us to spend enormous amounts of local dollars - \$800 billion in state and local taxes, tolls, and user fees – in order to receive limited federal dollars, and all without policies and standards in place to promote promote good infrastructure jobs, green energy projects, protections for wages and benefits, and a commitment to protect all workers, which is exactly the direction H.Con.Res. 63 takes federal policy.

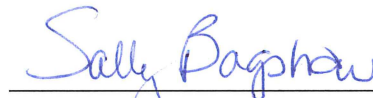
The federal government has an opportunity to set a clear standard with the Infrastructure Bill, and show the world that we are going to be leaders for worker rights, leaders for environmental protection, and lead again on ingenuity in transportation.

We stand united, and hope that you will join in support of Concurrent Resolution 63.

Sincerely,



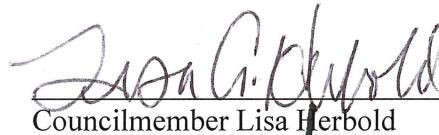
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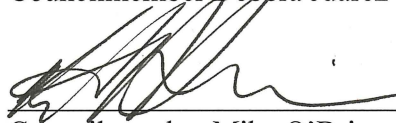
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Attachment (H. Con. Res. 63)

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