

RESOLUTION FOR THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS “BUILDING U.S. INFRASTRUCTURE BY LEVERAGING DEMANDS FOR SKILLS ACT”

WHEREAS, The United States Conference of Mayors is committed to ensuring Americans have access to jobs by closing the skills gap; and

WHEREAS, the nation’s mayors have long advocated for training programs and support services to create a better trained workforce; and investments in infrastructure to create new jobs and rebuild America’s cities; and

WHEREAS, across the nation Americans face an employment crisis; there are 6.5 million Americans out of work, including 1.6 on a long-term basis; and there are 6.1 unfilled U.S. jobs; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Building U.S. Infrastructure by Leveraging Demands for Skills (BUILDS) Act would invest \$1 trillion into U.S. infrastructure and create 11 million jobs requiring education beyond a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, many unemployed Americans lack the proper training to be competitive employment candidates, leaving businesses with openings and Americans without jobs; and

WHEREAS, the value of workforce training in the form of on-the-job training and work-based learning programs have been well documented; and

WHEREAS, a bipartisan effort to promote workforce development while investing in infrastructure will be mutually beneficial to businesses and Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The U.S. Conference of Mayors urges Congress to pass the BUILDS Act for a more competitive workforce and the creation of millions of jobs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The U.S. Conference of Mayors calls on business leaders to:

- invest in workforce education and vocational training for U.S. workers;
- encourage employees to participate in workforce development programs such as apprenticeships;
- ensure workers have proper training to rebuild infrastructure across the nation.

Projected Cost: