

# GET MORE FOR LESS: A SOLUTION FOR SMART INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES

It is widely accepted that our nation's aging infrastructure is in desperate need of repair, everything from roads to bridges to infrastructure we don't see like water pipes. Unfortunately, many local governments have restrictions in place that tie the hands of project managers and increase infrastructure costs.

These restrictions mandate the use of certain construction materials and often date back to an era when only one material was available and predate many technological advancements. To help maximize resources and build a more sustainable, resilient infrastructure, we must modernize procurement processes by eliminating restrictions on material selection and encourage municipalities to use an open, competitive bidding process when spending federal dollars.

Thankfully, there is a bipartisan solution that will help communities make better use of limited resources - *the Sustainable Municipal Access to Resilient Technology in Infrastructure (SMART-Infrastructure) Act*.

The bill will:



## PUT CHOICE & COMPETITION TO WORK

Material restrictions are anti-competitive and increases costs, which ultimately hurt taxpayers and consumers. The SMART-Infrastructure Act would maximize the use of taxpayer dollars and allow communities to use savings to stretch resources across as many projects as possible.



## INCREASE TRANSPARENCY, BREAK UP VIRTUAL MONOPOLIES

Material mandates create a closed and opaque process with fewer players — fewer suppliers, fewer vendors, and limited distribution, increasing costs and limiting choice. An open, competitive bidding process will increase community engagement. It will inspire more businesses to engage and potentially bid on the project allowing an innovative marketplace to thrive.



## PROMOTE INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

Empowering engineers to select the best materials for each unique project will result in greater adoption of new technologies that can make infrastructure systems more sustainable and resilient. An open bidding process will give project engineers the ability to look at all materials and select the best product that meets their specifications.



## CLEAR THE WAY FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Eliminating a material mandate clears a lane for the pursuit and development of materials to address the needs of an always-evolving market. Increased competition will create a marketplace for innovative solutions. The SMART-Infrastructure Act would remove regulatory roadblocks and immediately allow for the emergence of high-quality, sustainable and more cost-effective solutions.

**SUPPORT THE SMART-INFRASTRUCTURE ACT TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL ACCESS TO RESILIENT TECHNOLOGY IN INFRASTRUCTURE.**