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### **SMA Comments on Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill: American Steelmakers Are Ready to Build Back Better**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**, – Philip K. Bell, president of the Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA) issued the following statement after the U.S. House of Representative’s passed of the Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) on Friday.

“For too long we have treated infrastructure investment as some kind casual choice that could be deferred indefinitely. Passage of this bill means that now is the time to turn promises into projects. Across the nation, Americans recognize that we have an urgent need to modernize our domestic infrastructure. We applaud the bill because it focuses on steel-intensive, traditional infrastructure. Having modern, efficient and safe roads, bridges, seaports, airports, water ways and energy distribution systems is essential to keep the wheels of commerce turning. Every \$100 billion of investment can incrementally increase steel demand by four to six million tons.”

“We are also pleased with elements of the bill that emphasize sustainable steelmaking, green energy and domestic procurement preferences. This helps ensure that the steel used to improve our nation’s economic competitiveness will be made by Americans and for Americans. SMA members produce steel with the lowest carbon intensity in the world. We are poised to help our country build back better with the cleanest steel available. We are ready to support the administration in the implementation of this infrastructure investment package and urge President Biden to sign this bill into law as soon as possible.” added Bell.

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#### **About the SMA**

*SMA is the largest steel industry trade association in the United States and is the primary trade association representing North American EAF steel producers. EAF steelmakers account for over 70 percent of domestic steelmaking capacity using an innovative, 21st century production process that is less energy-intensive and has lower carbon emissions than traditional steelmaking. For more information check out our website at [www.steelnet.org](http://www.steelnet.org) or our [Facebook page](#).*