



Building America's Future Applauds Polly Trottenberg's Nomination to the U.S. Department of Transportation

Washington, DC – Today, the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee held a confirmation hearing for Polly Trottenberg, executive director for Building America's Future. Trottenberg was nominated to be assistant secretary for policy at the U.S. Department of Transportation by President Barack Obama in May. In response Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (CA), Governor Ed Rendell (PA) and Mayor Michael Bloomberg (NYC) issued the following statement:

"President Obama's nomination of Polly Trottenberg is a great move that bodes well for our nation's transportation infrastructure. As executive director of Building America's Future, Polly has led our effort to bring about a new era of accountability and investment in infrastructure. She has been effective at reaching across the aisle and building a bipartisan consensus among mayors and governors across the country. We are certain that she will carry that same spirit of bipartisanship – along with her exceptional knowledge of the issues, tireless work ethic, and strong leadership capacity – to the Department of Transportation."

Prior to joining Building America's Future, Trottenberg worked in the United States Senate for 12 years, most recently as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for California Senator Barbara Boxer, Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Trottenberg also served as Legislative Director for New York Senator Charles Schumer and as Legislative Assistant to New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. She has worked extensively on transportation, public works, energy and environmental issues during her congressional career. Before starting her career on Capitol Hill, Trottenberg worked at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the Massachusetts State Senate, and the Massachusetts Port Authority.

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Building America's Future (www.InvestInInfrastructure.org) is a bipartisan and national organization dedicated to bringing about a new era of U.S. investment in infrastructure that enhances our nation's prosperity and quality of life. Founded in January 2008 by Governor Edward Rendell of Pennsylvania, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger of California, and Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York, BAF boasts a politically and regionally diverse membership of state and local elected officials from across the nation. BAF seeks to advance a new national vision for infrastructure investment that strengthens our cities and rural communities, and focuses on economic growth and global competitiveness, creation of economic opportunity for all Americans, and environmental sustainability. In addition, BAF embraces a wide definition of infrastructure - from roads and bridges to water and sewer systems, energy systems, transit, ports, levees, dams, schools and housing.