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The Honorable Bobby Scott

Chairman

Committee on Education and Labor 2176 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Scott:

On behalf of the 3 million skilled craft professionals that comprise North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU), I write in support of H.R. 865, the Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2019.

While there is broad agreement across America that no child should be forced to attend school in crumbling facilities, this is an unfortunate reality for far too many children. The Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2019 would provide long-overdue and much needed resources to upgrade school facilities across the United States. Furthermore, the concerted effort to deploy high-speed broadband to schools across the nation will enhance our children's learning, and open doors to digital learning that remain closed to far too many communities.

The investment made by the Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2019 will create hundreds of thousands of community-sustaining job opportunities for building trades members across the country. Our members stand ready to get back to work rebuilding our nation's infrastructure and look forward to working with you to advance this critical proposal.

Sean McGarvey

President