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Operating Engineers See Progress in Clinton Infrastructure Plan

WASHINGTON, DC -- *The following statement was issued today by James T. Callahan, General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers, on Secretary Clinton's transportation infrastructure plan:*

"Hillary Clinton is calling her plan to invest an additional \$275 billion in transportation infrastructure "a major down payment on a stronger America" – and we agree.

Each day across America, tens of thousands of Operating Engineers go to work building our nation's roads, bridges, and public transit systems, making transportation infrastructure one of the union's top priorities. The IUOE believes that the country needs to prioritize and increase our infrastructure investments, which in turn lifts up the middle class by creating jobs and growing the economy.

The Clinton plan is a solid blueprint for progress towards closing the infrastructure gap. It is thoughtful and thorough in its goals, while remaining grounded in the reality of our present political and economic environment.

Economists and lawmakers from both parties agree – when you invest in infrastructure, you are investing in people. Secretary Clinton rightly touts the job creation numbers – 13,000 jobs created for every \$1 billion of infrastructure investment – and highlights the need to keep America competitive globally by keeping it strongly connected nationally.

We applaud Secretary Clinton for making transportation infrastructure a centerpiece of her domestic agenda. Our country faces a serious infrastructure crisis and it demands serious leadership to find a solution. Clinton's plan bypasses the hollow rhetoric of other candidates and presents real ideas to move our country forward. That's serious leadership."

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The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) represents 400,000 working men and women across the United States and Canada. Members of the IUOE are primarily operating engineers, who work as heavy equipment and crane operators, mechanics, and surveyors in the construction industry, and stationary engineers, who work in operations and maintenance in building and industrial complexes, as well as a number of job classifications in the petrochemical industry.