



June 28, 2021

The Honorable James P. McGovern
Chairman
House Committee on Rules
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
House Committee on Rules
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Moore Amendment to the INVEST in America Act

Dear Chairman McGovern and Ranking Member Cole:

On behalf of the U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association (USTMA)¹, I write to you in support of the amendment offered by Representative Gwen Moore (D-WI) to H.R. 3684, the “INVEST in America Act,” that would establish five centers of excellence to conduct research on stormwater control infrastructure technology. We believe this amendment will enable further research on innovative technologies like tire derived aggregate which have shown great potential in evolving our stormwater control capabilities.

Tire derived aggregate has demonstrable advantages when utilized in place of traditional gravel in stormwater infiltration galleries. These benefits include:

- Enhanced filtration capacity to remove microplastics, heavy metals, and other constituents of concern from roadway stormwater runoff before they enter groundwater deposits;
- Savings associated with transport costs due to its lightweight nature compared to heavier traditional mined minerals;
- Increased water volume capture potential given its larger void space; and
- Ability to construct stormwater infiltration galleries where space is limited provided by its increased water volume capture potential.

The Moore amendment will help supplement existing knowledge regarding the advantages of tire derived aggregate and enable more states throughout the country to utilize this material

¹ USTMA is the national trade association for tire manufacturers that produce tires in the United States. Our 13 member companies operate 57 tire-related manufacturing facilities in 17 states, making mobility possible.

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when building new or retrofitting existing stormwater control systems. As such, I urge you to support this amendment to be made in order when the House considers the “INVEST in America Act.”

For more information, please contact Sean Moore, USTMA’s Director of Government Relations, at (202) 682-4861 or smoore@ustires.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Luke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Anne Forristall Luke
President and CEO
U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association

cc: Members, United States House of Representatives