

Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors

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Statement by CAGTC Executive Director Elaine Nettle:

CAGTC Congratulates USDOT Secretary Duffy on Swift Confirmation

WASHINGTON, DC (January 28, 2025) – Today, the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) extends congratulations to Secretary Sean Duffy on his confirmation as the 20th U.S. Secretary of Transportation. CAGTC Executive Director Elaine Nettle offered the following statement:

"CAGTC congratulates Secretary Duffy on his swift confirmation to lead the U.S. Department of Transportation. He will direct the Department at an important time, implementing the remaining two years of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and charting a course for the next surface transportation reauthorization. During his confirmation hearing, Secretary Duffy shared the new Administration's goal to invest in large, durable projects that connect the nation and commerce. CAGTC shares this goal and is eager to work with Secretary Duffy to ensure that nationally and regionally significant freight projects are advanced swiftly and funded robustly.

Large, complicated freight projects have languished for years as the price tag and complexity render them challenging, if not impossible, to accomplish at the local level or through traditional investment methods such as formula apportionments. Federal grant opportunities such as INFRA, Mega, BUILD, and many others provide the necessary resources to advance these projects that are critical to the national economy. For generations, the nation's freight network has served as a competitive advantage for American businesses in the global marketplace. Sustained, robust, dedicated investment in supply chain infrastructure is necessary to continue protecting this national asset."

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About the Coalition

The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) is a diverse coalition of more than 60 public and private organizations dedicated to increasing federal investment in America's intermodal freight infrastructure. In contrast to single mode interests, CAGTC's main mission is to promote a seamless goods movement transportation system across all modes to enhance capacity and economic growth. For more information on the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, please visit www.tradecorridors.org

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