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Hon. Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Michael Johnson
House Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Hakeem Jefferies
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
2433 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader McConnell, and
Minority Leader Jefferies:

As the executive officers of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), we are writing to request you support key priorities included in President Biden's supplemental funding requests that will support our national security, provide critical resources for our immigration system, deliver needed funds to Americans affected by natural disasters, continue child care grant funding that helps working families who would otherwise be stretched thin, and enhance our nation's energy independence and clean nuclear energy infrastructure. IFPTE represents upward of 90,000 workers, including federal employees working at Navy shipyards, immigration judges at the Department of Justice's Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR), energy professionals at the Tennessee Valley Authority and PG&E, and tens of thousands of workers in the federal, public, and private sectors who would benefit from the provisions included in the President's supplemental funding requests.

Further, we request that you introduce comprehensive emergency supplemental legislation and support the passage of these priorities without any funding offsets. The impact of offsets – such as the \$14.3 billion clawback of IRS funding in a recent House-passed bill that could result in \$90 billion in lost revenues according to IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel – undermines the purpose of emergency supplemental funding and only creates a resource crunch for important federal services and programs that Americans count on.

In particular, we ask you to support the following:

- Support for the U.S. Submarine Industrial Base including \$558 million for Navy shipyards' Operations and Maintenance account; \$282 million for the Navy and Marine Corps Military Construction account to provide resources to improve public shipyard infrastructure; \$2.1 billion for Navy Shipbuilding and Conversation; \$394 million for the Navy's Other Procurement account to support

submarine supplier infrastructure and workforce development; \$7 million for the Navy's Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation account; and \$98 million for the National Nuclear Security Administration's Naval Reactors account to provide resources for expanding work on naval nuclear propulsion.

- Support for \$1.42 billion to hire 375 additional immigration judge teams and associated resources to improve judicial efficiency in the Executive Office of Immigration Review.
- Support \$23.5 billion in disaster response funding to help communities impacted by the Maui wildfires, floods in Vermont and California, and other recent natural disasters in the U.S.
- Support \$16 billion to support federal aid for child care programs so that working families can find affordable child care providers.
- Support \$6 billion for energy and utilities infrastructure, including \$2.2 billion for the Department of Energy's efforts to improve domestic production and supply of low-enriched uranium and high-assay low-enriched uranium.

Just as past Congresses have come together in a bipartisan manner to support emergency supplemental funding legislation, we urge you to move swiftly to pass these national security and domestic funding priorities that President Biden has requested. Further, we urge you to set aside time to work on and pass a continuing resolution to fund the federal government ahead of November 17. Thank you for considering our concerns and our request.

Sincerely,



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IFPTE President



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IFPTE Secretary-Treasurer