

U.S. SENATOR BOB CASEY



FIGHTING *for a* **FAIR SHOT** *for* **FAMILIES, KIDS and SENIORS**

Building a Better Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania is home to a large and diverse infrastructure network, and keeping it well maintained is a constant challenge. Senator Casey has continually pushed for increased funding for Pennsylvania's roads, bridges and ports. Pennsylvania's highway system is comprised of 40,000 state and 76,000 local miles, and over 22,000 bridges. With truck traffic in Pennsylvania nearly double the national average and the severe winters the state often experiences, our roads and bridges suffer more damage than most other states are accustomed to.

Our infrastructure is what makes domestic businesses and workers competitive over international companies. However, without a renewed dedication to making smart investments in our nation's infrastructure, American businesses risk losing their edge along with harming future job growth.

- Senator Casey supported the passage of S. 2848, the **Water Resources Development Act of 2016**. This legislation included authorization for the Upper Ohio Navigation Study, which calls for the replacement of the Emsworth, Dashields and Montgomery Locks and Dams, which are of critical importance to the Pittsburgh Port.
- In December 2015, Senator Casey supported the passage of the **FAST Act**, which included language from his Support for Bridges Act to increase the set-aside funding for off-system bridges. The FAST Act authorized funding for transportation and infrastructure projects through 2020. Pennsylvania will receive \$369 million for fixing deficient bridges through the FAST Act.
- On May 19, 2015, Senator Casey introduced S. 1370, the **Support for Bridges Act**, which would increase the availability of federal funding for all bridges, and protect the funding set-aside for off-system bridges which became law in MAP-21.
- Senator Casey has annually advocated for robust funding for Amtrak. Amtrak rail service in Pennsylvania is crucial to the long-term economic competitiveness of the region and provides travelers with a reliable mode of transportation to their final destinations. Continued support of passenger rail is essential to furthering our nation's economic recovery. In Pennsylvania alone, Amtrak employs over 2,600 individuals and spends over \$200 million a year on procurement contracts in the state.
- Senator Casey has been a strong supporter of the TIGER grant program. This competitive grant program invests in projects that create jobs, promote economic development and positively benefit the infrastructure of our Nation. Numerous Pennsylvania communities have benefited from this program and as result they have been able to improve their infrastructure and create jobs.