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BIC Members Celebrate Road Bond Amendment Passage

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The West Virginia Business & Industry Council is celebrating the strong victory of the Roads to Prosperity amendment during today's special election.

"We are so excited for West Virginia's future and so grateful to those who took time to vote in this special election," said BIC Chairman Chris Hamilton. "It's been an honor for us to join with our friends in business, labor and education to spread the word about what this road bond plan will do for our great state. I hope this election result shows West Virginians what can happen when we leave politics aside and come together as a unified force to move our state forward."

Hamilton praised Gov. Jim Justice and West Virginia Secretary of Transportation Tom Smith for their leadership on the road bond campaign. Hamilton also said BIC wants to give a special thank you to those individuals who provided public support for the road bond campaign, particularly West Virginia University President Gordon Gee, WVU Basketball Coach Bob Huggins, Marshall University Basketball Coach Dan D'Antoni, former state senator and former Wheeling Mayor Andy McKenzie and members of Wheeling Professional Fire Fighters Local 12.

"The broad-based support for this amendment shows us all that our families want and deserve safe roads and bridges. We at BIC and our friends at West Virginians for Better Transportation, the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the Contractors Association of West Virginia, the West Virginia Education Association and countless others have dedicated the last several weeks to putting West Virginia first," Hamilton said. "Now that we have this road bond amendment passed, I hope all of us in West Virginia can move forward with renewed unity and excitement about our future."

BIC's membership includes trade associations and businesses from 26 industries and representing over 400,000 workers in West Virginia.

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The West Virginia Business & Industry Council's membership includes trade associations and businesses from 26 separate industry classifications that represent some 400,000 workers in West Virginia. The organization works to enhance the business climate in West Virginia, and its members have been working to that end for more than three decades.