



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
STATE TREASURERS

RESOLUTION

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR A PROSPEROUS PATH FORWARD WITH NEW NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT**

**WHEREAS,** State governments and other levels of government rely on the issuance of tax-exempt bonds or other tax-advantaged bonds to finance the construction of critically needed infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS,** Our nation's infrastructure is slowly crumbling and is unable to meet the communication, transportation and clean water needs of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** More than 140,000 state or locally owned bridges are deficient and nearly one third of our schools require major infrastructure investment; and

**WHEREAS,** The critical need for infrastructure investment has never been greater; and

**WHEREAS,** Inadequate infrastructure is constraining economic growth and harming the productivity of our nation's businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** Now is not the time to raise the cost of these projects by compromising the demonstrated success of the tax-exempt municipal bond market.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the National Association of State Treasurers fully supports the following guiding principles for infrastructure investment.

1. NAST *supports* the retention and protection of the exemption of municipal bond interest from federal and state income taxation.
2. NAST *opposes* preemption of state and local finance authority and oversight of the debt issuance process through revision or repeal of the Tower Amendment or enactment of legislation to subject state and local government issuers to federal disclosure laws.
3. NAST *supports* the self-regulatory structure of the municipal market, and the commitment of all issuers of the municipal securities to provide annual financial, operating, and other information in a timely manner consistent with federal and state laws and Securities and Exchange Commission rules.
4. NAST *supports* federal investment of state infrastructure projects with a reliable and sustainable funding source for these projects.

5. NAST *supports* federal infrastructure financing programs such as Transportation Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (TIFIA) that are intended to support specific infrastructure investments with lower cost or longer-term funding.
6. NAST *supports* bipartisan federal legislation (H.R. 2209) that amends the 2014 Liquidity Coverage Ratio Rule (LCR) to require municipal bonds that are liquid, readily marketable and investment grade to be treated as level 2A High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Association of State Treasurers urges Congress and the Administration to adopt these principles as it crafts new and important infrastructure policies, regulations, legislation and laws.

Approved this 18th Day of September, 2017, by the National Association of State Treasurers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ken" and last name "Miller" clearly distinguishable.

Hon. Ken Miller,  
NAST President,  
Treasurer, State of Oklahoma