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### **South Baldwin Chamber Supports Governor Ivey's Rebuild Alabama Plan**

Foley, Ala., March 11, 2019 --- The South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce announces its support of Governor Kay Ivey's Rebuild Alabama Infrastructure Plan, urging members of Alabama's Congress to support the bill, in an effort to provide additional funding for enhancements and improvements to Alabama's transportation system at the state and local levels.

Michelle Hodges, Chairwoman of the Board for the South Baldwin Chamber said, "This bill, which aligns with the Chamber Coalition's Legislative Agenda, will ensure that a plan is in place and implemented to address our deficient roadways, aging and structurally deficient bridges, congestion caused by under-capacity roadways as well as funding to widen the shipping channel and enhance access to the Alabama State Docks. Rebuild Alabama is a clear and necessary investment in our future that we are proud to support."

The Baldwin County Chamber Coalition, consisting of all 5 Baldwin County Chambers of Commerce, came to be in late 2018 in response to calls for regional collaboration by local, county, and state leadership and chamber membership. The Business Legislative Agenda developed by the Coalition supports programs and initiatives that will benefit our local business community; items specifically relevant to Governor Ivey's plan fall under the Infrastructure and Economic Development arena, items considered as top priorities by all 5 Chambers.

The South Baldwin Chamber Board believes support for Rebuild Alabama is an easy choice: Hodges said, "Our time establishing the best path forward should be spent on subject matters more complex than something as essential and necessary as roadways. Rebuild Alabama is more than an easy decision; it elevates our ability to sustain a strong, safe, reliable community for the future."

While the Chamber Coalition also supports legislation aimed for protection and sustainability of our natural resources as well as plans to improve our region's workforce, infrastructure support is a clear first step with the legislative session just kicking off earlier this week. Chairwoman Hodges said, "The quality of life we enjoy in South Baldwin County today – from pristine parks, beaches and waterways to our education system and shared infrastructure – is left in our care to deliver to future generations. Each member of our community is a steward for tomorrow."

The South Baldwin Chamber has focused on community betterment projects from many directions through the work of the Gateway Initiative team; the Chamber is reassured by the priorities set by our State leaders that we are on track to rebuilding a better Alabama.

For more information about the Baldwin County Chamber Coalition, the Gateway Initiative, or Rebuild Alabama visit [www.southbaldwinchamber.com](http://www.southbaldwinchamber.com).

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