

North American Concrete Alliance

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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader Schumer and Leader McConnell:

The North American Concrete Alliance (NACA), a coalition of concrete-related trade associations, applauds the bipartisan work of the Senate and urges you to swiftly pass the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to invest \$550 billion in our nation's infrastructure. Investing in and modernizing our nation's infrastructure is critical to the long-term economic growth of the country.

Cement and concrete product manufacturing, directly and indirectly, employs approximately 600,000 people in our country, and our collective industries contribute over \$100 billion to our economy. Cement and concrete are used in the construction of a broad range of infrastructure projects, including highways, bridges, tunnels, mass transit, rail, airports, and water infrastructure. Our members also rely on a well-functioning freight network, including rail and waterways, and federal and state highway systems, to deliver our products in a timely and safe manner.

As you know, America's economic vitality depends on an integrated, national transportation network that moves goods and people safely and efficiently while ensuring the quality of life and economic prosperity for all citizens. NACA supports the inclusion of a five-year reauthorization of the surface transportation program in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This will provide the funding certainty for states to plan for new and continued roadway construction. We also support the \$180 billion in supplemental funding for the U.S. Department of Transportation to advance a range of transportation projects across different modes.

Additionally, NACA supports the inclusion of the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act to reauthorize several of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) water infrastructure programs, including the Drinking and Clean Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA). Additionally, NACA supports the attention the legislation places on the resilience of drinking and wastewater infrastructure by expanding existing drinking water to helping more communities improve the resilience of their infrastructure and authorizing a similar program for wastewater systems.

Finally, this bipartisan infrastructure bill will not only address years of underinvestment in the nation's infrastructure but also spur economic growth and job creation in communities across the country, improving quality of life and our nation's global competitiveness. As many are still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, this legislation will further our nation's recovery, creating thousands of well-paying jobs. Again, we urge you and your colleagues to work together to pass the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Sincerely,

American Concrete Pavement Association
American Concrete Pipe Association
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association
American Concrete Pumping Association
Concrete Foundations Association
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

National Concrete Masonry Association
National Precast Concrete Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
Portland Cement Association
Tilt-Up Concrete Association

Cc: All members of the U.S. Senate