

North American Concrete Alliance

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The Honorable Bobby Scott
Chairman
House Education & Labor Committee
2176 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Scott:

The North American Concrete Alliance (NACA) is a coalition of 12 concrete-related trade associations that provide construction materials and equipment essential for America's infrastructure. We employ tens of thousands of workers in well-paying American jobs, and we strongly support increased investment in the nation's infrastructure, including public school facilities.

NACA supports the reintroduction of the *Rebuild America's Schools Act*. The Department of Education's 2016 *State of our Schools Report* presented a \$46 billion deficit of funding needed to improve and modernize our nation's schools. This deficit represents the health and safety risks posed to American students each day as aging schools face deterioration and neglect, despite the fact that school facilities are second only to highways in public infrastructure funding.

We believe this is a critical legislative effort. Students across America deserve the opportunity to learn in modern, structurally sound schools. The capital investment from the reintroduced bill would also include an economic benefit, resulting in nearly 18,000 jobs, according to the Economic Policy Institute. This investment creates growth that looks toward the future by providing thousands of jobs in underserved communities and, most importantly, improving outcomes for the next generation, which will enable the United States to remain globally competitive.

On behalf of our member institutions, we celebrate your committee's leadership and commitment to our nation's students and look forward to working with you to advance the *Rebuild America's Schools Act*.

Sincerely,

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

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