

# North American Concrete Alliance

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The Honorable Michael Bennet  
261 Russell Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis  
2227 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Bennet and Representative Bilirakis,

The North American Concrete Alliance (NACA) strongly supports federal policies that incentivize resilient construction and better prepare America's built environment to withstand natural disasters.

Formed in 2004, NACA is a coalition of 12 concrete and cement-related associations dedicated to addressing industry-wide priorities in the areas of research, safety, education and government affairs. Cement and concrete product manufacturing directly or indirectly employs approximately 610,000 people in our country, and our collective industries contribute over \$125 billion to our economy. Our member Associations represent businesses and talented workers in all fifty states.

The federal government's 2019 National Climate Assessment, compiled by 13 agencies, found extreme weather events will increasingly disrupt and damage critical infrastructure and detrimentally impact property, economic productivity, and the vitality of our communities. Catastrophic natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, routine flooding, extreme snow, and forest fires shorten the life expectancy of the nation's built environment. Much of the nation's residential and commercial structures are not designed or built to withstand more frequent and more devastating severe weather events.

The federal government spends billions annually on disaster recovery, and more must be done to help home and business owners to prepare for and withstand natural disasters. For every dollar invested in pre-disaster mitigation to improve the resiliency of the nation's built environment, property owners and the federal government can save \$8 in future disaster recovery costs.

NACA supports legislation to incentivize home and business owners to take actions to make their properties more resilient and urges Congress to consider and implement the SHELTER Act (S. 1958 and H.R. 3462) to better prepare America's home and business owners to withstand natural disasters.

NACA and our members are continuing to do our part to support our nation's infrastructure needs and we thank you for your leadership and look forward to working with you to move WRDA rapidly through the legislative process and to the president's desk.

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