

North American Concrete Alliance

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Dear Representative/Senator:

As we Americans confront the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal Government must provide the resources for businesses to survive the economic collapse brought by the halt in daily life. As an employee of the construction industry, I request your support for further economic stimulus to preserve our economy. The cement and concrete industry employ over 610,000 people with an economic impact of \$125 billion nationally. I encourage Congress to support a bill that ensures we are able to continue to build America's infrastructure.

To minimize harm to the economy and the public, Congress must pass legislation to:

- Provide further funding for the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program to assure small businesses can continue to pay workers, and cover mortgage interest, rent, and utility costs. The construction sector has received the highest percent of approved loans, at 14 percent, demonstrating the continued demand for the program in helping not only the cement and concrete industries but our peers who build infrastructure across the country;
- Provide aid to state departments of transportation who project a \$50 billion revenue shortfall over the next 18 months without assistance. Ensuring state departments of transportation have this revenue is important to advancing

We appreciate your consideration of our views during these very difficult times.

Sincerely,

North American Concrete Alliance Member