

December 19, 2017

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leaders Pelosi and Schumer:

The members of the North American Concrete Alliance (NACA) are grateful that Congress avoided a potential Government shutdown earlier this month by enacting a continuing resolution. However, we are gravely concerned that further delays in passing a full-year appropriations measure for fiscal 2018 will prevent federal programs including those for highway projects tap into higher authorized levels for 2018. It is critically important for the members of NACA that the measure fulfills the commitments Congress made just two years ago in passing the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

The FAST Act five-year reauthorization provides modest increases in surface transportation investment that must be delivered through the appropriations process. As such it is critical that any final FY 2018 transportation appropriation measure be enacted as soon as possible so that states can put these resources to work. Any needless delays of FAST Act's surface transportation investment increases would once again create uncertainty for states about the timely delivery of federal highway and public transportation commitments. The FAST Act was an important step forward to assuring states and the private sector the federal government is a reliable partner in our shared effort to improve the nation's surface transportation network. Timely enactment of a FY 2018 transportation appropriations bill that fully funds the FAST Act's highway and transit authorizations will help ensure that progress continues.

Formed in 2004, NACA is a coalition of eleven 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 half a million people, and our collective industries contribute approximately \$100 billion to the U.S. economy.

NACA and our members are continuing to do our part to support our nation's infrastructure needs and stand ready to assist Congress as you continue to work on these and other important infrastructure issues.

Respectfully,

American Concrete Pavement Association
American Concrete Pipe Association
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association
American Concrete Pumping Association
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
Concrete Foundations Association
Tilt-Up Concrete Association

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

CC: Members of the United States Congress