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North America's Building Trades Unions Urge Swift Adoption of Highway Bill Conference Agreement

WASHINGTON, DC -- *The following statement was released today by North America's Building Trades Unions in reaction to release of the Conference Report on the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act:*

"If there is one issue on which Americans of all political persuasions can, and do, agree, it is the need to address the critical state of our nation's transportation infrastructure.

"North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) are pleased that a House-Senate conference agreement has been reached on this important piece of legislation, and we urge the U.S. House of Representatives to move swiftly to approve the report so that it can then go on to the U.S. Senate for approval and then ultimately to the President's desk for his signature.

"This five-year, \$305 billion bill will ensure that the highway and transit program is in a financially stable position to create jobs in the construction industry, an industry that continues to struggle to emerge from the depths of a depression. The FAST Act will provide a significant jolt to the U.S. construction industry and provide sizeable job opportunities for the skilled craft construction professionals we represent.

"Our unions acknowledge and applaud the bipartisanship that resulted in the crafting of this important piece of legislation, and we wish to extend that gratitude to the leadership and members of the authorizing committees. We now encourage both the House and the Senate to continue to embrace this bi-partisan spirit by approving this conference report with immediate haste."

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North America's Building Trades Unions is an alliance of 14 national and international unions in the building and construction industry that collectively represent over 3 million skilled craft professionals in the United States and Canada. Each year, our unions and our signatory contractor partners invest over \$1 billion in private sector money to fund and operate over 1,900 apprenticeship training and education facilities across North America that produce the safest, most highly trained and productive skilled craft workers found anywhere in the world.

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