

North American Concrete Alliance

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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
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Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio,

Members of the North American Concrete Alliance (NACA) are encouraged that the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is continuing its commitment to examining and addressing the challenges facing America's communities that are impacted by disasters of all kinds.

In particular, NACA is supportive of H.R. 4460, the Disaster Recovery Reform Act and the emphasis the legislation places on pre-disaster planning and mitigation by incentivizing communities to build and rebuild to better resist disasters of all kinds. This bill also works to make sure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, and in a way that will leave communities more resilient to future disasters. By encouraging rebuilding with modern, enhanced building codes this bill will allow for better protection of life and property, as well as, place fewer burdens on local services and provide for a more stable local economy.

NACA is a coalition of concrete-related associations dedicated to addressing industry-wide priorities in the areas of research, education and government affairs. NACA places an emphasis on advocating for increased and efficient federal investment in surface transportation and infrastructure funding. As the Committee moves forward on implementing policies to improve the nation's post-disaster infrastructure we encourage you think boldly and look towards the future.

By making these tough decisions now, you will be able to help future community's better resist disasters and reduce the potential financial impact should a disaster occur. Now is the time to make the investments that will pay dividends for tomorrow and beyond.

NACA looks forward to working with you to address our nation's disaster recovery needs now and in the future.

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