December 2, 2015

Dear Congress:

On behalf of the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA), I applaud the bipartisan work of the House and Senate transportation conference committee and their staff for crafting HR 22, *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act*. The FAST Act is a $305 billion five-year highway bill with funding levels well above current baseline levels. I urge you to support final passage of the FAST Act because the long-term, dedicated funding source will guarantee that our nation's highways, bridges, transit and rail systems will receive the necessary investment to keep our nation's economy growing and our transportation and construction industry employees working.

The FAST Act also reforms and strengthens transportation programs, refocuses on national priorities, provides long-term certainty and more flexibility for states and local governments, streamlines project approval processes, and maintains a strong commitment to safety. Most importantly, the FAST Act is fiscally responsible with provisions to ensure that the bill is completely paid for over five years and also ensures that the Highway Trust Fund is authorized to meet its obligations through fiscal year 2020.

NRMCA was founded on December 26, 1930, and today represents more than 2,000 member companies and subsidiaries that employ more than 125,000 American workers who manufacture and deliver ready mixed concrete. The Association represents both national and multinational companies that operate in every congressional district in the United States. The industry is currently estimated to include more than 68,000 ready mixed concrete trucks.

NRMCA respectfully asks that you support final passage of the FAST Act. Again, thank you and we look forward to advancing this important legislation through both chambers of Congress and onto the President's desk for final signature into law.

Sincerely,

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