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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 22, the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015.

The NAM supports transportation policies that invest in infrastructure to ensure U.S. manufacturing competitiveness. The need to update and modernize our nation's transportation infrastructure extends far beyond state transportation departments and road builders. Funding our roads, bridges and transit systems is a national priority; many states do not have the resources or ability to keep up with the demands of aging infrastructure. Manufacturers are witness to the erosion of the nation's infrastructure base and our country has been stuck in a decade-long period of decline in overall infrastructure capital spending, according to the NAM study *Catching Up*.

Manufacturers support H.R. 22 which would ensure continued investment in highways and transit systems by authorizing federal programs for six years and providing guaranteed funding for three years. The legislation seeks to end a pattern of continued uncertainty and short-term extensions that discourage long-term investments in new bridges, roads and transit systems. Important reforms are included that will streamline environmental reviews and enhance delivery of key infrastructure projects, and better prioritize surface transportation investments and freight projects of regional and national significance.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 22, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 114th Congress. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Aric Newhouse'.

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Key Manufacturing Vote