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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
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The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Shuster, Ranking Member DeFazio, Subcommittee Chairman Graves, and Ranking Member Norton:

The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) strongly supports the passage of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act (STRR Act) of 2015. We commend the leadership of this committee and dedicated staff that worked diligently to draft and introduce this legislation.

NRMCA represents an industry with more than 2,250 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 across the nation. As a provider of a building material that is integral in the construction of our nation's roads and bridges, we recognize the direct benefits and need for a long-term fully funded transportation bill.

The STRR Act will provide much needed certainty to the ready mixed concrete industry and boost the U.S. economy with the creation of new construction jobs. Also, we are pleased to see the committee's work towards ending the short-term extensions that have become commonplace over the years and created further instability in the transportation and construction industries. We are concerned, however, with the baseline funding levels provided in the bill. Our nation's infrastructure is failing and increased investment in road and bridge projects is long overdue. We certainly understand the funding challenges the committee faces and are confident funding level differences will be resolved during the conference committee.

NRMCA urges immediate action on bringing up and passing the STRR Act on the House floor this week. We congratulate you on moving forward with a bipartisan, multiyear highway bill and look forward to working with you on this critically important legislation.

Sincerely,

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