We are proud of the products we make and send to market for customers here and abroad. But without world-class infrastructure in place, manufacturing costs increase, shipping costs rise and moving those products to our consumers gets harder all the time.

This week is [Infrastructure Week](http://infrastructureweek.org/)in Washington, D.C.—an opportunity to demonstrate manufacturers’ support to revitalize our nation’s failing infrastructure. Crumbling roads and old bridges, ports that need dredging, aging locks, dated transit systems and inadequate airports—these are just some of the infrastructure challenges we face. Now is the time for an upgrade. That’s why the Trump administration and Congress need to hear from you.

We must show our lawmakers the real-world impacts of the failure to prioritize and rebuild our critical infrastructure networks. Infrastructure supports the work we do and the things we make each and every day.

[Customize with why infrastructure issues are critical to your company]

Please take a moment today to do one of the following actions:

* Text the word “Build” to 52886 to sign a Friends of Manufacturing petition asking your elected officials to prioritize infrastructure improvement.
* Click [here](http://manufacturingworks.nam.org/cstqK9W) to send an email to your members of the House and Senate, as well as President Donald Trump, asking them to introduce and pass a comprehensive infrastructure package into law.
* Call your policymakers’ offices and use the attached talking points to urge them to take action. Click [here](http://ziplook.house.gov/htbin/findrep?ZIP5) to find your Representative in Washington’s phone number.
* Set up a meeting in your member of Congress’s district office with his or her staff.

As manufacturers, we have an enormously influential voice right now. The country is hungry for solutions that grow the economy and get people back to work. Please take a moment to speak up on behalf of the infrastructure you need today!