

July 15, 2014

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The undersigned organizations, representing manufacturers and businesses in all 50 states, urge Congress to take the necessary measures to return the Highway Trust Fund to a state of solvency.

Manufacturers need stable and reliable infrastructure to both thrive and compete in today's global economy. Unfortunately, the nation's infrastructure is out of date and resting on a legacy built by previous generations. To compete in the 21st-century economy, we have to invest in and modernize our infrastructure with an eye toward economic growth, jobs and increased competitiveness. Congress must fix the Highway Trust Fund without delay.

Manufacturers have been integral to building our nation's transportation networks and systems at every step of the way. Each dollar spent in construction generates nearly 40 cents of manufacturing activity which in turn, creates jobs and economic opportunity for millions of Americans.

A work stoppage at over 100,000 road, bridge and transit construction sites, which support 700,000 jobs, would be devastating. Congress must address this issue before adjourning for the August recess.

Manufacturers need Congress to achieve bipartisan solutions that will put us back to work improving our transportation network. We urge you to return the Highway Trust Fund to a state of solvency as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Bakers Association
American Coating Association
American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Iron and Steel Institute
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Arizona Manufacturer's Council
Associated Industries Arkansas
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated Industries of Missouri
Associated Oregon Industries
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Association of Washington Business
Auto Care Association
Business Council of Alabama
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
Chamber of Commerce Hawaii
Connecticut Business & Industry Association
Corn Refiners Association
Council of Industry of Southeastern New York
Georgia Association of Manufacturers
Greater North Dakota Chamber of Commerce
Illinois Manufacturers' Association
INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association
Institute of Makers of Explosives
International Safety Equipment Association
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
Manufacturers Association of Florida

Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Metals Service Center Institute
Mississippi Manufacturers Association
Missouri Transportation and Development Council
Montana Chamber of Commerce
Montana Manufacturing Council
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers
National Council for Advanced Manufacturing
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Nevada Manufacturers Association
North American Die Casting Association
Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers & Employers Association
Northeastern Retail Lumber Association
Ohio Manufacturers' Association
Oregon Women In Timber
Plastics Pipe Institute
Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
Spartanburg Forest Products
State Chamber of Oklahoma
Texas Association of Business
The Hardwood Federation
The Member Companies of the Valley Industrial Association
Treated Wood Council
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce