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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

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. 5021, the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014.

The need to keep the Highway Trust Fund financially solvent extends far beyond state transportation departments and road builders. Manufacturers need stable and reliable infrastructure to thrive and compete in today's economy.

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. The impending low balance in the Highway Trust Fund threatens approximately 100,000 road, bridge and transit construction sites, which support 700,000 jobs nationwide. Losing these jobs would be devastating to the economy.

To compete in the 21st-century economy, we have to invest and modernize our infrastructure with an eye toward economic growth, jobs and increased competitiveness. Manufacturers appreciate swift action from Congress to address Highway Trust Fund solvency.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 5021, including procedural votes, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 113th Congress. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Key Manufacturing Vote