



**Aric Newhouse**

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U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators:

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 the conference report to H.R. 22, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act).

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. Manufacturers need stable and reliable infrastructure to 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. H.R. 22 would ensure continued investment in highways and transit systems by authorizing federal programs for five years.

Additionally, the NAM strongly supports provisions included in the conference report to reauthorize the Export-Import (Ex-Im) Bank. The Bank is essential for domestic manufacturers to counter the hundreds of billions of dollars of export financing that foreign governments offer to their exporters. Reauthorization of the Bank's charter is critical to U.S. manufacturing strength in the fiercely competitive global economy.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on the conference report to 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