

North American Concrete Alliance

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Homeland Security and Government Affairs
Committee
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Gary Peters
Ranking Member
Homeland Security and Government Affairs
Committee
442 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer and Senators Johnson and Peters:

Members of the North American Concrete Alliance (NACA) strongly support the nomination of Jeffrey Byard to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Formed in 2004, NACA is a coalition of twelve concrete and cement-related Associations dedicated to addressing industry-wide priorities in the areas of research, safety, education, economic recovery and government affairs. Cement and concrete product manufacturing directly and indirectly employs approximately half a million people; our collective industries contribute approximately \$100 billion to the economy. Our member Associations represent businesses and talented workers in all fifty states. NACA places an emphasis on advocating for increased and efficient federal investment in surface transportation.

Jeffrey Byard has an extensive list of leadership skills and professional qualifications making him an ideal candidate for this post. If confirmed, he would bring years of experience and knowledge to the role. Given his extensive background in emergency management, Byard will be an asset to communities across the country looking to rebuild after a disaster. NACA is especially supportive of Byard's attention to resiliency and implementation of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act. By placing greater emphasis on pre-disaster mitigation and resiliency, FEMA can help communities better withstand future disasters.

Additionally, Byard's experience working on recovery from major disasters while working for the State of Alabama and his work at FEMA since 2017 provide him the unique perspective of what states and communities across the country needs from FEMA both before and after a disaster. NACA respectfully asks you to support the nomination of Jeffrey Byard to serve as Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

Sincerely,

American Concrete Pavement Association
American Concrete Pipe Association
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association
American Concrete Pumping Association
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
Concrete Foundations Association

National Concrete Masonry Association
National Precast Concrete Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Portland Cement Association
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
Tilt-Up Concrete Association