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Asphalt Pavement Industry Calls on Congress to Act on Infrastructure Now

GREENBELT, MD—National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) President and CEO Audrey Copeland, Ph.D., P.E., issued the following statement in response to Congress' failure to pass the IIJA and instead offer another short-term funding extension:

“On behalf of our 1,200 members and the quarter-million workers supporting the asphalt pavement industry, the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) expresses deep disappointment over Congress' failure to come together to pass a comprehensive infrastructure bill. Instead, by putting forth yet another short-term extension, the House has moved the goal post once again. Long-term investment in our nation's infrastructure is the only path to securing America's economic vitality. The country cannot afford another short-term extension.

“The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) would put an end to short-term extensions and frantic budget planning, bring predictability to states as they plan and implement long-delayed infrastructure improvements, provide reliability to the network, expand transportation equity, ensure public safety, and create new jobs for American workers. NAPA, its member companies, their employees, and highway users across this country call on Congress to act now to pass H.R. 3684.

“Our industry, and the American people, call upon every Member of Congress to work together to pass this legislation without further delay. Our workers stand ready to rebuild America, if only Congress will provide the leadership needed to fund long-overdue, predictable, and forward-looking infrastructure projects across the United States. We have been waiting far too long. Pass H.R. 3684 now so we can get to work.”

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The National Asphalt Pavement Association is the only trade association that exclusively represents the interests of the asphalt pavement material producer/contractor on the national level with Congress, government agencies, and other national trade and business organizations. NAPA supports an active research program designed to improve the quality of asphalt pavements and paving techniques used in the construction of roads, streets, highways, parking lots, airports, and environmental and recreational facilities. The association provides technical, educational, and marketing materials and information to its members; supplies product information to users and specifiers of paving materials; and conducts training courses. The association, which counts more than 1,200 companies as its members, was founded in 1955.