

# Fly-In Puts Concrete in Front of Congress

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NPCA took its pro-precast message to Capitol Hill this week during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cement and Concrete Industry Congressional Fly-In April 24-25 in Washington, D.C. Six NPCA representatives were part of the delegation of more than 100 cement and concrete industry plant owners, supplier companies and government affairs staff that canvassed Senate and House offices and heard from a host of elected officials, government agency executives and policy experts on a number of issues important to concrete producers.

NPCA Chairman of the Board Ashley Smith, board members Jeff Malcolm and Ray Clark, Associate Member Ted Coons and NPCA President Ty Gable were among NPCA's delegation. The group spent April 25 visiting Congressional offices and talking with members and their legislative aides about infrastructure, the FAA reauthorization, Life Cycle Cost Analysis, the Water Resources Development Act and a variety of other issues.



Members of NPCA's D.C. delegation pictured in front of the Capitol during visits to Congress are (from left): Ray Clark, Ty Gable, Ted Coons, Jeff Malcolm and Ashley Smith.

The event is organized through the North American Concrete Alliance, which includes NPCA, the Portland Cement Association and 10 other concrete-related national trade associations. The NACA coalition made 106 Congressional visits to spread the gospel of concrete as the nation's cornerstone of infrastructure and resilient construction. The Congressional fly-in is an opportunity for manufacturers and suppliers to tell their stories directly to elected officials and their policy experts. It is a chance to put a real-world face on legislation that is often technical and abstract.