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### **NACE International Supports Bridge Life Extension Act of 2009**

*H.R. 1682 introduced with bi-partisan support.*

Houston, TX – A new and potentially critical piece of legislation was introduced into Congress yesterday that could have far-reaching impact on integrity of the nation’s bridges.

Working with NACE International, the Corrosion Society, Congressman Michael Conaway (R-TX) and Congresswoman Betty Sutton (D-OH) introduced H.R. 1682 in an effort to help assure the safety and durability of all highway bridge structures giving this legislation bi-partisan support from its inception.

Rep. Conaway stated “our nation’s infrastructure is crumbling due to improper planning, negligence and inadequate management at all levels of governments. The ongoing cost of corrosion on US bridges represents a needless waste of taxpayer dollars. It is my hope that my colleagues understand the importance of taking a proactive initiative and pass this important legislation. We cannot ignore the fact that lives have been lost due to past negligence, and more will be if we don’t address our nation’s aging infrastructure.”

Tony Keane, NACE International Executive Director,” we are pleased to learn that Rep. Conaway and Rep. Sutton have taken a key first step to addressing the degradation of our nation’s bridges. This deterioration is a direct result of corrosion and it is time that we begin to attack this insidious problem. The ongoing cost of corrosion on America’s bridge infrastructure is a needless waste of taxpayer dollars. HR 1682 will help remedy this problem.”

NACE International works diligently each year to encourage a variety of efforts in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to bring about legislation related to reducing the costly effects of corrosion. The Cost of Corrosion study funded by the U.S. Congress, and researched and reported in 2002 by NACE International cites more than \$276 billion dollars as the annual cost of corrosion

This and other key pieces of legislation will be addressed as NACE members gather in Washington on June 16-17, 2009 where NACE members will, as professionals and constituents, meet with members of congress to encourage the passage legislation related to corrosion.

**NACE International** the Corrosion Society, is recognized worldwide as the professional association dedicated to promoting public safety, protecting the environment, and reducing the economic impact of related to the effects of corrosion. Founded in 1943, NACE International has more than 21,000 members doing business in 110 countries, and offers technical training and certification programs, sponsors conferences, and produces industry standards, reports, publications, and software.

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