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Statement by David A. Raymond, President/CEO of the American Council of Engineering Companies In response to the Hoboken, NJ commuter train crash:

Another Heartbreaking Reminder of America's Failing Infrastructure

Our hearts go out to the victims of Thursday's commuter train crash in Hoboken, N.J., — yet another painful and frustrating reminder of the consequences of our national neglect in addressing the nation's deteriorating critical infrastructure.

Public spending on infrastructure is at one of its lowest ebbs in decades. At both the state and national levels, crumbling infrastructure is hampering economic growth and producing tragic results. Whether its rail in Hoboken, water in Flint, or deteriorating roads, bridges, and airports, our nation's declining infrastructure is an epidemic demanding immediate attention.

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of America's engineering industry, representing more than 5,000 independent engineering firms and more than 500,000 professionals throughout the U.S. engaged in the development of America's transportation, water and energy infrastructure, along with environmental, industrial and other public and private facilities. Founded in 1909, ACEC is a national federation of 51 state and regional organizations.

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