ISSUE BACKGROUND
On June 13th, 2023, Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA), and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) introduced bipartisan, bicameral legislation to strengthen standards for federally funded infrastructure projects by ensuring that critical corrosion prevention work is done by qualified workers using proven techniques. Corrosion is a leading cause of bridges falling into poor condition. The legislation would also build on a recommendation from the National Transportation Safety Board and direct the Department of Transportation to study and generate best practices for inspecting and addressing corrosion on bridges made of weathering steel. This bill has passed in the House over several Congresses, with bipartisan support.

ABOUT AMPP
The Association for Materials Protection and Performance, AMPP, is the world’s leading organization focused on protecting assets and the performance of materials. AMPP was created when NACE International and SSPC: The Society for Protective Coatings united after over 145 combined years of expertise in corrosion control and protective coatings and service to members worldwide. Today, AMPP is active in more than 130 countries, has more than 36,000 members, and is the leading resource for information, education, corrosion control, and materials protection expertise. AMPP is headquartered in the United States with offices in Houston, Texas, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Additional offices are in the United Kingdom, China, Malaysia, Brazil, and Saudi Arabia, with training centers in Houston and Dubai.

AMPP MISSION
We advance materials performance and protection to help society, assets, and the environment through member and workforce education, technological innovation, and global standardization. An essential part of this mission is to inform policymakers and industries of the importance of corrosion control so they can advance practical corrosion mitigation policies.

COST OF CORROSION
When asset integrity and corrosion planning are not at the forefront of the minds of public policymakers, the consequences can be catastrophic and costly. Corrosion on bridge projects adds billions of dollars in costs to both state and local governments. A 2001 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) study states that corrosion costs the economy approximately 3.1% of the US gross domestic product (GDP). One-third of this cost is preventable using currently available corrosion control practices, totaling an estimated 15 and 35 percent cost savings for the United States. This does not include other factors that corrosion control can help with, including the cost of environmental damage or the loss of lives in a catastrophic accident.

SUPPORT
- This legislation will increase bridge safety throughout the United States, protect the public from catastrophic accidents, protect the environment, and save American taxpayers billions annually.
- If you want to help move this vital legislation, please join us at the AMPP Advocacy Action Center. This page will help you directly contact your local Congressional representative to help move this vital initiative forward for our industry.

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