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Business Roundtable CEOs Play Leading Role in Infrastructure Week Activities

Business Roundtable made a wide-ranging push for infrastructure investment this week, with CEOs leading Infrastructure Week activities and the BRT releasing a major policy document, [Back in Business: A Blueprint for Renewing America's Infrastructure](#). “Modern infrastructure is a strategic asset that must be maintained and upgraded to ensure the continued health, safety and prosperity of our people and our nation,” wrote Jacqueline Hinman of CH2M, Chair of BRT’s Infrastructure Committee, in [a column marking the week](#). Hinman spoke Monday at a kick-off event, and Michael Burke of AECOM moderated a panel discussion ([CSPAN video](#)). In addition, Hinman and Nicholas Akins of AEP joined Sean McGarvey of North America’s Building Trades Unions in a [nationally distributed opinion column](#) on shared business-labor priorities in financing, permitting, regulation, labor standards and skills. (See also this [Washington Post](#) ad.) CEOs also contributed industry-focused columns:

- Michael Burke, AECOM, “[Connecting to the Future: Leading the Way on Infrastructure Investment](#).”
- Bruce Culpepper, Shell Oil Company, “[Gateways to Prosperity: Time to Invest in America’s Ports](#).”
- Douglas Peterson, S&P Global, “[Smart Investments Will Spark America’s Infrastructure](#).”
- Mark Sutton, International Paper, “[Growing Manufacturers and the U.S. Economy](#).”
- Nicholas Akins, AEP, “[Winning the Smart City Challenge: Shaping the Future of Urban Infrastructure](#).”
- John Fish, Suffolk Construction, “[A Foundation for Jobs and Growth](#).”

BRT: Overlapping Jurisdictions Add Complexity, Undermine Regulatory Objectives

In [a letter to OMB Director Mick Mulvaney](#), BRT proposed ways to minimize the impact of multiple regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over a single issue. Mark Costa of Eastman Chemical, Chair of BRT’s Smart Regulation Committee, wrote that overlapping regulations and oversight add compliance burdens and undermine regulatory objectives. The letter came in response to [a March executive order](#) on reorganizing federal government and discussions with Mulvaney at the CEO Quarterly Meeting in March.

CEOs Engage on EPA Regulation, Tax, Trade, Workforce, Technology

Business Roundtable this week pressed BRT policy priorities on numerous fronts:

- [Detailed comments](#) to the EPA on programs hindering U.S. business investment and job creation. The comments compiled sector-specific objections focusing on the New Source Review program and Clean Air operating permits.
- [Statement from Mark Weinberger](#) of EY, Chair of the BRT Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee, in connection with a House Ways and Means Committee hearing, calling for action on tax reform.
- [Letter to President Trump](#) on BRT’s priorities for modernizing and strengthening NAFTA, from Tom Linebarger of Cummins, Chair of the International Engagement Committee.
- [Letter](#) of support for [H.R. 2227](#), the *Modernizing Government Technology Act*, to Rep. Will Hurd, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Information Technology, from Julie Sweet of Accenture, Chair of BRT’s Technology, Information and Innovation Committee.
- [Letter](#) from Wes Bush of Northrop Grumman, Chair of BRT’s Education and Workforce Committee, in support of [H.R. 2353](#), the *Strengthening Career and Technical Education (CTE) for the 21st Century Act*. The House Committee on Education and the Workforce [reported the bill out to the House floor](#).
- [BRT President & CEO Joshua Bolten interview](#) on CNBC on tax reform and other policy priorities.

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