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The Honorable Mark Kennedy
 U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Kennedy:

On behalf of the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), I would like to commend you for your sponsorship of the Freeing Alternatives for Speedy Transportation (FAST) Act, H.R. 1767. As you know, interstate highway congestion is a serious concern for the boating community, both in terms of the delays it causes in deliveries of equipment and delays in getting out on the water. A majority of recreational boats in America are transported by their owners on trailers.

NMMA is a national trade association representing more than 1,400 companies that manufacture recreational boats, engines, accessories and trailers. Together we unanimously support your legislation to create a comprehensive program that coordinates federal, state and local efforts to ease interstate highway congestion. NMMA applauds the Interstate System FAST Lanes program and the flexibility it gives states and local communities to resolve its particular traffic problems.

The boating way of life is dependent on access to our natural resources, especially our waterways. NMMA stands ready to assist you in any way that we can to promote this much-needed legislation and its goals of keeping America's highways safe and efficient for future generations. We have already enlisted the support of our members in raising awareness of the issue within the recreational boating industry and on Capitol Hill. Please do not hesitate to let us know where we can be most useful and thank you again for your leadership in reducing highway congestion.

Sincerely,

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