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The Honorable George Miller  
Chairman  
House Education and Labor Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Miller:

The National Construction Alliance II is pleased to support the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act (H.R. 2187). The National Construction Alliance II – a partnership between two of the nation's leading construction unions, the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC) – appreciates the leadership that you have demonstrated in addressing a significant national problem: our crumbling public schools.

Too many of America's children go to school in overcrowded buildings with leaky roofs, faulty electrical systems, and outdated technology, all of which compromise kids' ability to achieve in the classroom. The data shows that improved test scores are connected to a healthy learning environment. The quality of the school itself relates to the quality of education delivered within its walls. In short, school facilities are an integral part of raising student performance.

Your work with Representatives Chandler, Kildee and Loeb sack marks an important first step in improving the nation's educational environment. H.R. 2187 will assist states in meeting the school facility needs of local communities by providing resources to build, repair, renovate and modernize America's schools. The federal grants will help states and communities stretch their limited resources.

Equally important, the bill's enactment will stimulate the creation of thousands of new jobs in construction. The bill creates a classic win-win for students, educators, and construction workers. That is why the National Construction Alliance II wholeheartedly endorses HR 2187.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical legislation.

Sincerely,

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