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**Statement of Terence M. O'Sullivan,
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On the Continuing Loss of Jobs and the Need for Real Economic Stimulus**

Washington, D.C. (September 5, 2008) – Today's troubling job market report cries out for an immediate economic stimulus program that will address the employment crisis American workers and their families face.

The report released today by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that 8,000 construction jobs were lost in the previous month, the 14th consecutive month with significant jobs lost in the construction industry. In total 558,000 construction jobs have been lost since the start of 2007.

America needs immediate action to create jobs and there is no better way to do it than with a serious commitment to take care of America for a change – our highways, bridges, waterways, energy systems and other basics.

The American Society of Civil Engineers gives the backbone of the United States a near-failing grade due to years of neglect, citing more than 150,000 unsafe bridges, 3,650 unsafe dams and levees and a highway system so stretched that the typical American spends more than \$1,000 a year in wasted gas due to traffic, while our decaying energy systems threaten our national security and enslave us to foreign oil.

America has work to do and Americans need work.

If we redirect resources to building America, we can create millions of family-supporting jobs now – an American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials study shows that 44 states have 2,735 projects that can be put to contract in 90 days.

When Congress returns to work this month, their first priority must be a new economic stimulus package that creates jobs by investing in America.

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The members of LIUNA – the Laborers' International Union of North America – are on the forefront of the construction industry, a powerhouse of 10 million workers who build America.

LIUNA's Build America, so America Works is a long-term effort to make taking care of America's highways, bridges, dams, schoolhouses, energy systems and other basics a national priority. Go to www.LiunaBuildsAmerica.org for details.