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However, RACC expects any increase would come with guarantees that the dollars would be invested wisely, for the intended purposes and on genuine transportation projects. RACC also supports permit streamlining of transportation projects for more timely and cost-effective projects.

- *Card Check (proposed as “The Employee Free Choice Act”)*
RACC previously opposed the Employee Free Choice Act as it would eliminate the secret ballot used to determine if unions will represent employees in the workplace and could expose employees to coercion and intimidation. One-sided increases conflict with any sense of fairness or balance. The RACC has no position on whether unions are of benefit to employees or not; that decision is up to employees. While it is not an anticipated issue for 2019-20, the chamber’s position remains.
- *Export-Import Bank (Ex-Im)*
RACC has long-standing support for long-term reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. The reauthorization of Ex-Im Bank was signed into law by President Obama in December, 2015. The bank is reauthorized until September 2019 and will support future reauthorization.
- *Immigration Reform*
RACC would support sensible, comprehensive federal immigration reform that 1) reforms the visa system for low and high-skilled workers, 2) creates a mandatory national worker verification system, 3) creates a path to legalization for the over 11 million undocumented workers currently in the U.S. and 4) secures the borders. RACC believes passage of such legislation is necessary to give the United States and U.S. businesses an immigration system necessary to remain competitive in the global economy. Our current immigration system is not serving the interests of our economy, our businesses, our workers or our security.
- *Health Care*
RACC opposed passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which became law in 2010. As we continue to face the challenge of rising health care costs, RACC promotes effective private sector solutions and would support reforms needed to achieve lower costs, high-quality care and better health for our citizens.
- *Taxes*
RACC would support comprehensive tax reform that would result in attracting investment, encourage innovation, foster economic growth and job creation and increase private-sector competitiveness in both national and international markets.
- *Legal & Regulatory Reform / Permit Streamlining*
RACC has long advocated and will continue for permit streamlining from transportation projects to domestic manufacturing. RACC supports passage of the Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017, which supports the mantra that federal regulations should be narrowly tailored, supported by credible data and impose the least burden possible, while implementing congressional intent. Cut the red tape.

Legal reform should include raising public awareness of the impact of lawsuit abuse on our economy; reform of the medical malpractice tort system to keep health care costs down; frivolous environmental litigation and, class action tort reform to lessen Class Action Fairness Act.

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