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Concrete Reinforcing Institute Statement on the Champlain Towers South Partial Building Collapse

(SCHAUMBURG, IL – July 1, 2021) We at CRSI are deeply saddened by the tragic news of the fatal partial building collapse of the Champlain Towers South condominium building during the early morning hours on June 24th. The Institute extends our deepest condolences to those affected by this tragedy as well as our best wishes and support for the responders on the scene.

Occupant and public safety in design is the principal priority of any design professional. As a result of current design practices and building code requirements, collapses such as the one in Surfside are an extremely rare occurrence in the U.S. CRSI feels it would be inappropriate to speculate on the cause of the collapse at this time. However, we do support a full investigation into the collapse so that the industry and public can learn from this tragedy.

The Institute membership will continue to keep all those involved in our thoughts. Focus should deservedly remain on the safety of the responders, while hoping for the miracles of more rescues as search efforts continue.

Sincerely,
Danielle Kleinhans
President and CEO
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

About the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

Founded in 1924, the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) is a technical institute and Standards Developing Organization (SDO) that stands as the authoritative resource for steel reinforced concrete construction. Among the Nation's oldest trade associations, CRSI offers many industry-trusted technical publications, standards documents, design aids, reference materials and educational opportunities.

CRSI's members represent over 80% of the U.S. manufacturers, fabricators and placers of steel reinforcing bar and related products with over 600 locations in 49 states, and with over 15,000 employees. Members produce, fabricate and install approximately 9 million ton of reinforcing steel per year using scrap steel in efficient manufacturing operations. It is estimated that the industry impacts over 75,000 people in steel transportation and placement in North America.

The CRSI membership also includes professionals across the country who are involved in the research, design, and construction of steel reinforced concrete. CRSI staff comprises a nationwide region network of industry professionals.

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