



June 17, 2013

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Energy and Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC

The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member
Energy and Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Waxman:

The Construction & Demolition Recycling Association supports the safe recycling of materials generated from construction and demolition (C&D) projects. On behalf of our national membership of recyclers, we support HR 2218, the Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2013, which will allow the continued recycling of large amounts of our C&D waste stream, especially in regards to concrete and drywall. We especially appreciated McKinley amendment 91, which specifically spells out that synthetic gypsum can continue to be used in that marketplace. In addition, the legislation will allow the annual recycling of more than 140 million tons of concrete to continue unabated, as designating coal ash as hazardous would have required costly testing of all incoming loads of waste concrete to recycling centers from roads, bridges and building, causing millions of tons of the material to be sent to landfills annually, and quickly filling up our landfill capacity. It is for this reason the C&D recycling community, which recycles about 300 million tons of material every year, supports both HR2218 and the McKinley amendment 91.

Sincerely,
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