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The Honorable Ed Whitfield
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Whitfield:

On behalf of the Portland Cement Association (PCA), I thank you for your leadership in opposing the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Power Plan (CPP). These rules are focused primarily on electric power, which is involved in nearly every industrial sector. The CPP will thus have secondary cost impacts on the entire economy.

We also believe that the CPP sets a specific regulatory precedent that will ultimately have direct impact on all other industries that use combustion fuels, including the cement industry, and additionally sets a general regulatory precedent of leveraging the regulation of power plant emissions to justify regulating the use of electric power itself. Such regulation is clearly well beyond any authority granted by Congress, and by logical extension would lead to EPA regulation of the entire U.S. economy.

Finally, we do not see any meaningful impact on global climate change that could result from the CPP. PCA therefore supports efforts to rescind the CPP, including H.J. Res 71 and H.J. Res. 72.

PCA has been a widely-recognized authority on the technology, economics, and applications of cement and concrete for nearly 100 years, and is a vocal advocate for sustainability, economic growth, sound infrastructure investment, and overall innovation and excellence in construction. PCA represents U.S. cement producers, which operate plants and distribution centers in nearly every congressional district. The cement industry has increased energy efficiency by more than 13% over the past decade, leading to commensurate reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. PCA advocates policies that improve our environment and foster robust economic growth. The Clean Power Plan does neither.

PCA would like to assist you in any way we can. If you have any thoughts or questions in this regard please contact me or PCA Executive Vice President of Government Affairs Todd Johnston (tjohnston@cement.org).

Very truly yours,

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cc: U.S. House of Representatives