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The Honorable John Shimkus
Chairman, Environment and the Economy Subcommittee
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shimkus:

The Portland Cement Association (PCA) appreciates your leadership in promoting policies that balance environmental stewardship and a healthy economy. PCA represents 27 U.S. cement companies operating 82 manufacturing plants in 35 states. Collectively, these companies account for approximately 80% of domestic cement-making capacity, with distribution centers in all 50 states.

America's cement manufacturers comply with a broad spectrum of federal and state environmental rules. These companies also work diligently to recycle unused materials in their production processes and products. The use of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR, or "coal ash"), which are generated by coal-fired power plants to generate electricity, is a leading example of this practice.

CCRs are used in concrete production and as a raw material by cement manufacturers. Taken together, this accounts for more than 10% of the 130.7 million tons of coal ash generated in the country every year. The discussion draft "Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015," incorporates key provisions that will help ensure that the roughly 15 million tons of coal ash recycled annually in cement and concrete will continue. This is good for the environment and the economy.

We look forward to working with you and the members of the Committee to move this important legislation forward. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

James G. Toscas
President and Chief Executive Officer

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