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The Honorable Jim Jordan
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jamie Raskin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Jordan and Ranking Member Raskin:

On behalf of the more than 140,000 members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), I am writing to express our support for the *Protection of Lawful Commerce in Stone Slab Products Act* (H.R. 5437). By reinforcing predictable liability standards, the legislation helps stabilize material pricing, preserve supply chain continuity, and reduce upward pressure on housing costs. NAHB urges the Committee to favorably report out this bill.

Stone slab products are essential components of homebuilding and remodeling. Concerning litigation trends that seek to hold retailers and suppliers of stone slab products liable for injuries caused by the unsafe handling or alteration of these products by third parties create uncertainty in the marketplace, increase insurance and compliance costs, and ultimately raise prices for home buyers.

Housing affordability is already strained by rising material costs, labor shortages, and regulatory burdens. Even modest cost increases in individual building materials can compound significantly across a project. When liability exposure expands beyond traditional product responsibility standards, manufacturers, distributors, and retailers must price in legal risk.

H.R. 5437 provides clarity and fairness by ensuring that businesses engaged in the lawful manufacture and sale of stone slab products are not subjected to expansive liability for third-party misuse. Protecting lawful commerce in building materials is not only a matter of fairness to businesses – it is also a matter of addressing our nation’s housing affordability crisis.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to support and advance H.R. 5437. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lake A. Coulson", is written in a cursive style.

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