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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

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.

Cement makers share your concerns with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) and the Corps of Engineers' (Corp.) proposed rule redefining "waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act. Our concerns are based on the expansive effects it will have on the Agencies' regulatory authorities – effects which go well beyond Congressional direction and Supreme Court holdings. They are also based on the fact that the rule will add significant costs to our plant operations, with little environmental benefit.

On numerous occasions PCA has urged EPA and the Corps to withdraw the proposed rule and work with state and local officials, and stakeholders, to develop a proposal that respects the jurisdictional limitations imposed by Congress and affirmed by the Supreme Court. By directing withdrawal of the proposed rule, the "Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015" (H.R. 1732) initiates a process that will achieve this balance, while ensuring environmental protection.

Cement makers applaud the Committee's leadership in this effort and urge all members to vote for passage of the "Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015."

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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