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Senator Chip Shields
Chair, General Government, Consumer and Small Business Protection Committee
Oregon State Capitol Building
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for Passage of Senate Bill 814

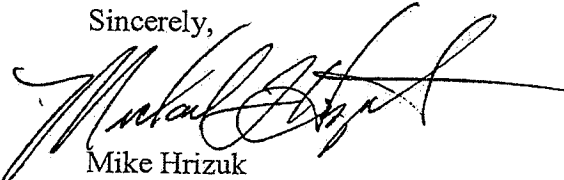
Dear Sen. Shields, Members of the Committee:

Ash Grove Cement Company joins the business community in supporting SB 814, which is legislation that deals with the important issue of environmental cleanup claims. This bill serves an important public policy purpose that will benefit both the environment and the economy through the creation of a framework that should speed up the handling and settlement of environmental cleanup claims.

Our 131 year-old company is a highly-regulated, highly-compliant cement manufacturer. As the largest U.S.-owned cement manufacturer and the sole cement producer in Oregon with more than 100 family wage jobs in Durkee, we monitor proposals such as SB 814, and we appreciate the opportunity to add our voice to the discussion in support of this important policy.

Thank you for considering our position on this important matter. We urge a yes vote on SB 814.

Sincerely,



Mike Hrizuk