

Dear Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction;

I am very concerned that this bill could have a negative impact on the Durkee plant; which means the operation will have to scale down or be shut down, because it is no longer competitive. The job I have at this plant allows me and my family to have a solid quality of life. As I am the only working member in my family, and we would lose our ability to have a quality life in the area. Ash Grove is a preferred employer and provides quality jobs; that pay a wage you can still raise a family on. At our normal operating level the operation has 115 direct employees at the facility; not to mention all of the other business that would be impacted if this facility shuts down.

At the very least I ask you carve out an exemption for the cement manufacturing business.

Thank You,

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