

To whom it may concern:

I am an employee of Ash Grove Cement in Durkee Oregon. I have been employed here since 1995 and have been a resident of the Durkee valley since 1980. Over the years I have witnessed Ash Grove take a pro-active stance in emissions control. They train employees how to recognize percentages of fugitive dust, they follow emissions testing guidelines and they install top of the line control technology.

I fear that house bill 2020 if passed would result in shutting the facility down. The effects of this would be devastating to Baker county as well as many businesses in Malheur county. Many lives would be drastically changed with very little effect on solving the worlds greenhouse gas emmissions. I believe that if the cement plant in Durkee were to be shut down, it would not help with the greenhouse gas problem, but rather make it worse by having the cement that is produced in Durkee replaced with cement from overseas where there are no emission controls.

I understand that the environment worldwide must be protected, but I believe it can be done in a way that does not compromise American jobs and a communities' welfare. I urge lawmakers to look at a better means of achieving their goals that includes keeping the unemployment rate from rising instead of falling. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Nation