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Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to submit testimony in response to the current House Bill 2020 regarding carbon reduction in Oregon. The Ash Grove plant located in Baker County will be unjustly punished for manufacturing cement at a facility equipped with the best available environmental technology if the current house bill passes. The Durkee plant operates as one of the cleanest and most energy efficient cement plants in the United States, with the plant receiving the coveted Energy Star certification from the EPA a couple of times in recent years. This achievement is only awarded to facilities that are able to demonstrate superior energy performance. The cement produced at this facility is also able to demonstrate that is environmentally responsible. The cement products that are manufactured at this plant comply with NSF and ANSI 61 water requirements. This accreditation is only awarded to those products that are environmental sound and are clean from heavy metals when to be used in handling water. Oregon should be proud to have such an environmentally conscience manufacture within its borders.

The current House Bill 2020 threatens not only to close the plant with the loss of 115 jobs but increases the carbon footprint for Oregon. The exact opposite of what House Bill 2020 is trying to accomplish. The result of the Durkee plant closure would have a direct impact and increase in the use of foreign made cements, such as from China. Those facilities have very little to no environmental regulations to control any kind or type of pollution.

Ash Grove is a fantastic company to work for, they believe in their employees and are large supporters of the surrounding communities. The loss of jobs, tax revenue and community support will be devastating to both the local and state economies as well as the families that live within Oregon.

Sincerely,

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