

Dear Kate Brown

My name is Marty VanNess and I have been an Ash Grove Cement employee for just over 4 years. Ash Grove Cement has been a great company to work for they provide a good wage and full benefits for my family. I would like to continue to work here for the next 30 years but if HB2020 passes it could force Ash Grove Cement to shut down. If Ash Grove Cement was forced to shut down because of HB2020 it would have a negative impact on the community because Ash Grove Cement does more than supply a lot of good jobs it puts a lot of money back in to the community a couple examples are large donations to schools and hospitals. Our union has supported you and if this bill passes a lot of people in our union the IBEW will be pushing to no longer support you since you will be taking union jobs away. Not only will this bill cause a lot of good American jobs to be lost it will not help the carbon impact because China will fill the demand for cement. By shipping cement we will add shipping emissions on top of the emissions required to make cement. Our plant does everything we can to cut emissions and we do take keeping a clean environment very seriously. Thank you for your time.

Marty VanNess