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Representative Burkley

ACONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the Office of the United States Trade 1
Representative to ensure that no World Trade 2
Organization rules are violated in regard to 3
government funding of the McInnis Cement and the Port- 4
Daniel-Gascons cement plant in Quebec, Canada. 5

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The cement industry is a major employer and 6
economic supporter in Northwest Ohio as well as the entire 7
state; and 8

WHEREAS, McInnis Cement is partially owned by the Quebec 9
government and has received government assistance for the 10
construction of the Port-Daniel-Gascons cement plant in Quebec, 11
Canada. To wit, the Quebec government has authorized a C\$250 12
million guaranteed loan to McInnis Cement and an additional 13
C\$100 million equity investment in the company from 14
Investissement Quebec, in addition to other support from public 15
sources, including another C\$100 million equity investment from 16
the Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec; and 17

WHEREAS, The cement market in Quebec is already 18
oversaturated, and the stated purpose of the Port-Daniel-Gascons 19
cement plant is not to supply Canadian projects but to ship the 20

vast majority of its production into the United States; and 21

WHEREAS, Ohio's private cement industry should not have to 22
compete with a taxpayer-funded operation based on foreign soil. 23
The new cement plant will take market share and potential jobs 24
from hardworking Ohio residents; now therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 26
Assembly of the State of Ohio, on behalf of all citizens of this 27
state, urge the Office of the United States Trade Representative 28
to ensure that no World Trade Organization rules are violated in 29
regard to government funding of the McInnis Cement and the Port- 30
Daniel-Gascons cement plant in Quebec, Canada; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 32
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 33
President of the United States, the Office of the United States 34
Trade Representative, each member of the Ohio Congressional 35
delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 36