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Representative Burkley

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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
economic supporter in Northwest Ohio as well as the entire
state; and

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

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

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