

January 17, 2024

Howard Lutnick  
Chairman  
President-Elect Trump Transition Team

Dear Mr. Lutnick:

On behalf of the undersigned associations, we congratulate President Trump on his historic election victory. The cement and concrete industry looks forward to engaging with the Trump Administration on key infrastructure, environment, and energy policy priorities for our industry.

The cement and concrete industry provides essential construction materials for all residential, commercial, and public works projects, which are used by every single American every single day. In fact, concrete—made with cement—is the most prevalent manmade material on earth. Our collective industry employs 577,000 Americans nationwide and contributes \$130 billion to the economy each year.

President Trump and the 119th Congress have a tremendous opportunity to implement strategic policies and remove regulatory “red tape” to support American manufacturing, secure energy access, and ensure international competitiveness. We are eager to work with the new Administration on a host of issues.

To start, we must work to make infrastructure great again. The federal government must responsibly address the underinvestment in building our nation’s global competitiveness. The surface transportation programs, including the federal-aid highway, transit, and rail programs, expire at the end of Fiscal Year 2026. Reauthorization of the surface transportation programs provides an opportunity to continue to advance the use of blended cements and concrete, help states and communities build resilient infrastructure and ensure the efficient movement of people and goods. Additionally, we look forward to working with the Trump Administration to continue to invest in water infrastructure by enacting a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) into law every two years. The passage of a WRDA is critical for advancing new Corps construction projects that help communities across the country with restoration, flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, and hurricane and storm risk reduction.

Additionally, we look forward to working with the Trump Administration to address burdensome regulations impacting American manufacturing and infrastructure construction. We must address policies that prevent construction projects from being completed in a timely manner by eliminating duplicative permitting requirements and creating exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We must also replace burdensome Environmental Protection Agency regulations, like Particulate Matter 2.5, with new rules that preserve America’s manufacturing sector and support economic growth.

Finally, while the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) has many flaws, select provisions directly benefited our collective industry. Recognizing much of the IRA does not serve the American public, the legislation helps our American companies by providing needed funding for innovative

transportation construction materials, Environmental Product Declaration assistance, as well as tax credits for carbon capture, utilization and sequestration. All essential for a more robust economy.

Our country has a generational opportunity to protect and promote American companies. The cement and concrete industry look forward to working with the Trump Administration to ensure the future of our great nation.

Sincerely,

American Concrete Pipe Association

American Concrete Pavement Association

American Concrete Pumping Association

Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

National Precast Concrete Association

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

Portland Cement Association

Precast/Prestressed Concrete Association