



June 15, 2021

The Honorable Ben Ray Luján  
United State Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lizzie Fletcher  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin Cramer  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kelly Armstrong  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Luján, Senator Cramer, Representative Fletcher and Representative Armstrong:

On behalf of the Portland Cement Association (PCA), National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) and the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), we are writing to express our strong support for the Revive Economic Growth and Reclaim Orphaned Wells (REGROW) Act of 2021, which will provide needed federal investments to advance infrastructure development that improves the environment in communities impacted by orphaned oil and gas wells.

We greatly appreciate your leadership to come together in a bipartisan manner in advancing legislation that will address this challenge and support economic recovery for communities reeling from the COVID-19 crisis, especially rural areas that have been greatly impacted.

The members of our collective organizations are responsible for producing the cement, concrete and aggregates that are needed to build and maintain every type of infrastructure and are critical components in lives of all Americans. The men and women of our industries go to great lengths to responsibly produce the necessary building materials that are used in public works projects, like plugging wells, which are critical to promoting conservation and providing for a sustainable future.

In granting the needed funding to address almost 56,000 orphaned wells across the nation, it is estimated the REGROW Act will deliver more than 13,000 high-paying jobs to mostly rural communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. This necessary investment will also provide additional economic returns to the surrounding industries that support, supply, feed, and house them and their families.

As Congress works to advance this critical legislation, we ask careful consideration be given to expanding Buy America to construction materials, and their inputs, utilized under this legislation. Our industries strongly support utilizing American labor and materials. We are responsible for hundreds of thousands of high paying U.S. jobs at almost 20,000 aggregates, concrete and cement operations. However, due to geologic and other limitations, some communities do not have viable access to the materials and their components necessary for meeting their infrastructure needs and must source them from nearby countries.

As the industries responsible for supplying the materials needed to mitigate the impacts of this environmental challenge, PCA, NRMCA and NSSGA are pleased to support the REGROW Act and urge Congress to include this important legislation in the upcoming infrastructure package.

Thank you for your continued leadership. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,  
The Portland Cement Association  
The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association