



The National Asphalt Pavement Association, National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association, and Portland Cement Association would like to share our opposition to Perry Amendment #58 to the National Defense Authorization Act.

Collectively, the cement, concrete, asphalt, and aggregates industries are working to reduce our carbon footprint. A critical part of that is advancing the use of lower-carbon versions of these critical construction materials that are market ready and recognized by consensus-based standards setting organizations. Over the past several years, we have seen a significant growth in these lower-embodied carbon cement, concrete, asphalt, and aggregates. For example, lower-carbon cements now make up 25 percent of the market, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The amendment contains terms such as “sustainable building materials” and “Low-embodied or no-carbon concrete or asphalt” that are not defined in the amendment directly or with reference to those terms defined in law. Consequently, implementation of the amendment if it were law would be deeply problematic and disruptive to ongoing use of sustainable building materials. Because of the broad nature of this amendment, it could have unintended consequences and disrupt ongoing R&D at DRPA related to construction materials and a building materials implementation program supported by our industries and the mass timber industry.

For these reasons, we ask that you oppose Perry Amendment #58. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Nile Elam with NAPA, Andrew Tyrell with the NRMCA, or Michele Stanley with NSSGA or Sean O’Neill with PCA.

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