

KEY VOTE YES ON THE CEMENT SECTOR REGULATORY RELIEF ACT

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Dear FreedomWorks member,

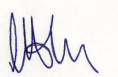
As one of our million-plus FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to contact your Representative and ask him or her to vote YES on H.R. 2681, the Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act. Introduced by Rep. John Sullivan (R-OK), the bill would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations from coming into effect which would place burdensome regulations on the cement industry. If the EPA moves forward with their unnecessary cement MACT rule, it could cost thousands of jobs and hamper economic growth.

The EPA itself admits that current cement regulations would raise the price of the most common type of cement. The agency predicts that cement prices would go up by 5.4 percent. The rules require that the producers of Portland cement invest in expensive new equipment to comply with the new standards. The compliance cost of these new cement regulations over the next four years will total \$5.4 billion. Increased compliance costs will ultimately be passed onto consumers in the form of higher prices. We will all be paying higher prices for cement as a result of these needless regulations.

The cement industry estimates that the rule could destroy as many as 4,000 jobs. It could cut domestic cement manufacturing capacities by 20 percent over the next two years. Portland Cement Association President Aris Papadopoulos says that, "shortages and price volatility will become more common" once these regulations are implemented. In addition to destroying jobs in the cement industry, the regulation is expected to cost 12,000 to 19,000 jobs construction jobs due to higher construction costs. We must prohibit the cement MACT rule to save jobs and prevent the increase of cement prices.

I urge you to call your representatives and ask them to vote YES on H.R. 2681, the Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act. We will count their vote as a KEY VOTE when calculating the FreedomWorks Economic Freedom Scorecard for 2011. The Economic Freedom Scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the Jefferson Award, which recognizes members of Congress with voting records that support economic freedom.

Sincerely,



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