
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, ARGALL,
ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, SCHWANK AND RAFFERTY, MAY 1, 2015

REFERRED TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, MAY 1, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing concern that a cement manufacturing plant funded by
2 the Province of Quebec will negatively impact the cement
3 manufacturing industry in Pennsylvania and urging Ambassador
4 Michael Froman, the United States Trade Representative, to
5 review the funding for possible violations of international
6 trade rules.

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a number of active cement plants
8 and a rich heritage of manufacturing cement; and

9 WHEREAS, Those cement manufacturing plants provide
10 Pennsylvania with numerous family-sustaining jobs; and

11 WHEREAS, The cement manufacturing industry in this
12 Commonwealth is being threatened by a proposed publicly
13 subsidized cement plant in the Province of Quebec, Canada; and

14 WHEREAS, The legislature of Quebec has authorized a \$250
15 million loan, a \$100 million equity investment from the
16 province's private equity fund and \$100 million in equity from a
17 provincial pension fund for McInnis Cement to build a cement
18 plant; and

19 WHEREAS, Numerous officials have said that without public
20 funding, the plant is not viable and would not be built; and

1 WHEREAS, McInnis will ship a majority of its product to the
2 United States, where it could take a significant portion of the
3 overall market and harm the Pennsylvania cement manufacturing
4 industry and its employees; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania should seek to protect its
6 manufacturing jobs in the cement and concrete industries;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate express its concern that a cement
9 manufacturing plant funded by the Province of Quebec will
10 negatively impact the cement manufacturing industry in
11 Pennsylvania and urge Ambassador Michael Froman, the United
12 States Trade Representative, to review the public funding for
13 possible violations of international trade rules.