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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HARHART, HAHN, FREEMAN, McNEILL, HEFFLEY, MILLARD,  
LUCAS, LONGIETTI, KIRKLAND, WATSON, D. COSTA, FARINA,  
GIBBONS, COHEN, MURT, MAJOR, CALTAGIRONE, PICKETT, MARSICO,  
GINGRICH, GROVE AND GILLEN, OCTOBER 6, 2014

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 6, 2014

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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 Pennsylvania is  
12 being threatened by a proposed publicly subsidized cement plant  
13 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

1 funding, the plant is not viable and would not be built; and

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

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

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