

# AMERICA'S NATIONAL SECURITY STARTS WITH STRONG FOUNDATIONS

As global supply chains face immense strain, America cannot afford to compromise national security amid ongoing disruptions abroad. To safeguard our economic interests, the U.S. must reduce supply chain vulnerabilities by decreasing reliance on critical imported materials, such as cement, and boosting production capacity right here at home.

## HINDERING DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AT A CRITICAL MOMENT

Despite the vital role cement plays in America's infrastructure, the increasing volume of substandard imports from foreign competitors actively undermines our ability to construct world-class infrastructure.

This growing reliance on overseas supply chains jeopardizes critical public works projects at the exact moment we need to modernize them.



## FOREIGN OVERSUPPLY

U.S. markets are hampered by excess capacity from countries like **Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Vietnam**, stifling the growth of domestic producers and harming American workers.

## DECLINING OUTPUT

Domestic cement production continues to drop, while over 20% of the cement that the U.S. consumes is imported.

## INFRASTRUCTURE AT RISK

Failing to secure a steady domestic supply of high-quality cement leaves the construction and maintenance of our dams, ports, bridges, and roads highly vulnerable to disruption.

# PROTECTING ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

To create resilient infrastructure and rebuild American communities after natural disasters strike, a reliable supply of high-quality, durable cement is essential.

## U.S. CEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Source:  
[American Cement Association](#)

**32.9 MILLION**

Metric tons of cement to build and repair highways, streets, and bridges

**25.4 MILLION**

Metric tons of cement to construct single family and multi-family housing

**7.4 MILLION**

Metric tons of cement to develop critical drinking and wastewater infrastructure

## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

At every level of government, policymakers must champion initiatives that prioritize domestic building materials, bolster resilient supply chains, and support America's manufacturing workforce. To protect our nation, we need policies that support:

### RESILIENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Recognize cement as a critical infrastructure input in state resilience plans to guarantee supply during disasters.

### IMPORT TRANSPARENCY

Require state transportation departments to issue an annual "Import Reliance Report" on key construction materials.

### "BUY AMERICA" STANDARDS

Require U.S.-sourced cement for all government-funded infrastructure and housing projects.