



**May 13, 2026**

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of [Common Sense America](#) (CSA), I write ahead of your upcoming summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping to urge your administration to strengthen America's industrial base by ensuring that U.S. cement producers can meet demand by protecting them against unfair trade practices. China's cement sector poses a growing threat to this bastion of American industry, and now is the time to act. Accordingly, we urge you to make defense of U.S. cement a key priority in your discussions with President Xi and to communicate to him in no uncertain terms that our nation will not stand by in the face of efforts to treat our domestic market as a safety valve for Chinese oversupply.

No country on earth rivals China's dominance in cement production. China produced [nearly half](#) of all global cement output in 2025—a staggering twentyfold times the domestic output of U.S. producers. China's historic [real estate slump](#) has led to reduced construction, signaling a troubling future for cement importers like the U.S. if we don't take decisive action. As their infrastructure development stalls, the U.S. becoming a backstop for Chinese cement producers poses a significant national security risk.

History has shown what happens when we look the other way: [toxic Chinese drywall](#) contaminated approximately 100,000 American homes across more than 20 states between 2004 and 2007. [Substandard Chinese steel](#) led to catastrophic cost overruns during the reconstruction of California's San Francisco Bay Bridge. Cement must not become the next casualty of Beijing's predatory manufacturing machine.

Domestic cement production is trending in the wrong direction, and the stakes could not be higher. The U.S. [cement and concrete sectors](#) employ 577,000 people and generate nearly \$159 billion in economic activity, but lower U.S. production and higher imports undermine the industry. Furthermore, excess low-quality foreign cement and its use in U.S. projects would compromise the structural integrity of the very infrastructure your administration has committed to rebuilding.

With that urgency in mind, we respectfully call on your administration to make cement supply reliability a priority of your historic America First agenda. Under your leadership, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) has made meaningful progress by [initiating Section 301 investigations](#) into countries with excess cement capacity. But more can be done, including expanding investigations to explicitly probe China's cement industry.

CSA is a steadfast advocate for American manufacturing, supply chain security, and the communities that depend on them. We are encouraged by your administration's urgency in rebuilding America's industrial might, and this summit is an opportunity to send a clear message: American infrastructure will be built on American foundations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Crim', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Steve Crim**

President and Founder  
Common Sense America