



July 14, 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 to applaud your release of the [America First Resilience Strategy](#), a necessary step in protecting America's manufacturing capabilities and bolstering American supply chain resilience. As our nation celebrates 250 years of independence, this strategy rightly recognizes that lasting security is achieved through strength, and your administration is laying a strong foundation.

The America First Resilience Strategy rightly focuses on the need to safeguard our national infrastructure from supply chain disruptions by revitalizing American industry so that we have adequate domestic production capacity for critical commodities. One immediate way to put this strategy into effect would be to take steps to protect one of the most essential materials in our industrial base: American-made cement. None of the critical infrastructure needed for our country, such as runways, ports, hardened military bases, energy facilities, or water systems, can stand without a reliable domestic supply of high-quality cement. A truly resilient America cannot leave the very bedrock of its infrastructure exposed to foreign manipulation.

Unfortunately, this very material threat is growing. China, the world's largest cement manufacturer, produced [nearly 50% of global cement output in 2025](#), more than 20 times the U.S. output. As its real estate sector collapses, Chinese producers will increasingly seek to offload their substandard surplus onto the global market, and with the U.S. importing over 20% of the cement we consume, our communities are dangerously vulnerable to this influx. We must not become the backstop for a Chinese cement deluge. History has shown what happens when we look the other way, such as when toxic Chinese drywall contaminated approximately [100,000 American homes](#). Cement must not become the next casualty of foreign predatory manufacturing.

Our nation already shields steel and copper from these exact threats through targeted trade remedies and domestic procurement requirements meant to level the playing field. A significant opportunity is missed by not extending those protections to the cement industry, which generates [\\$159 billion](#) for the American economy and supports 577,000 jobs.

National security starts with strong foundations, and that means ensuring every bag of cement used in our public works is manufactured right here at home. The *America First Reliance Strategy* is an important roadmap for protecting American interests, and designating cement as a national security material would help ensure an adequate domestic supply, protecting generations to come.



We are encouraged by the vision your priorities outline, and America's industrial base is at the ready to make it a reality. Through decisive action to protect U.S. supply chains, you can ensure that American infrastructure will be built on strong, reliable foundations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SC", followed by a period.

Steve Crim

President and Founder
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