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America's Cement Manufacturers Stand at-the-ready to Fulfill Infrastructure, Private Sector Demands

Washington, D.C. (**November 15, 2023**) — In response to testimony provided today at the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works hearing titled: *Opportunities in industrial Decarbonization: Delivering Benefits for the Economy and the Climate*, Portland Cement Association leadership released the following statements:

"The issue is scalability. America's cement manufacturers, who have spent and continue to spend millions of dollars to develop more sustainable products and have complied with EPA regulations for decades, have the facilities, the materials, and the workforce in place to supply the nation's immediate demand for resilient and dependable construction products," said Mike Ireland, PCA President and CEO.

"The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act aims to provide \$550 billion worth in construction projects across the country by 2026. We're just weeks away from 2024. America's cement industry will be able to deliver millions of tons of its products to fill this steep order expeditiously, as well as satisfy the demands of the U.S. private sector," Ireland said.

Sean O'Neill, PCA Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, said, "As incumbent cement manufacturers, our companies recognize the importance of collaborating with policy makers, NGOs and technology innovators to expedite our industry's arrival at carbon neutrality."

"For more than 100 years, PCA members have proudly supplied the building materials to meet our nation's infrastructure needs, whether that is the Eisenhower Interstate System, the Hoover Dam, or the Empire State Building and we will continue doing so while lowering our carbon intensity and maintaining our industry's commitment to sustainability. The demand for resilient and dependable infrastructure will only increase and just as we have in the past, the cement industry is poised to meet that demand," O'Neill said.

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