

## As Introduced

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### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the Office of the United States Trade  
Representative to ensure that no World Trade  
Organization rules are violated in regard to  
government funding of the McInnis Cement and the  
Port-Daniel-Gascons cement plant in Quebec,  
Canada.

### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, The cement industry is a major employer and economic  
supporter in Northwest Ohio as well as the entire state; and

WHEREAS, McInnis Cement is partially owned by the Quebec  
government and has received government assistance for the  
construction of the Port-Daniel-Gascons cement plant in Quebec,  
Canada. To wit, the Quebec government has authorized a C\$250  
million guaranteed loan to McInnis Cement and an additional C\$100  
million equity investment in the company from Investissement  
Quebec, in addition to other support from public sources,  
including another C\$100 million equity investment from the Caisse  
de depot et placement du Quebec; and

WHEREAS, The cement market in Quebec is already  
oversaturated, and the stated purpose of the Port-Daniel-Gascons  
cement plant is not to supply Canadian projects but to ship the  
vast majority of its production into the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's private cement industry should not have to 22  
compete with a taxpayer-funded operation based on foreign soil. 23  
The new cement plant will take market share and potential jobs 24  
from hardworking Ohio residents; now therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 26  
of the State of Ohio, on behalf of all citizens of this state, 27  
urge the Office of the United States Trade Representative to 28  
ensure that no World Trade Organization rules are violated in 29  
regard to government funding of the McInnis Cement and the 30  
Port-Daniel-Gascons cement plant in Quebec, Canada; and be it 31  
further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 33  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 34  
United States, the Office of the United States Trade 35  
Representative, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, 36  
and the news media of Ohio. 37