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The Honorable Frank Lucas Chairman House Committee on Science, Space and Technology 2321 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Zoe Lofgren Ranking Member House Committee on Science, Space and Technology 2321 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Lucas and Ranking Member Lofgren:

On behalf of Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES), I write today in strong support of H.R. 7685, the *Innovative Mitigation Partnerships for Asphalt and Concrete Technologies (IMPACT) Act*, introduced by Representatives Max Miller (R-Ohio) and Valerie Foushee (D-N.C.). CRES is a non-profit dedicated to supporting conservative solutions to address our nation's energy, economic and environmental security while ensuring America retains its global competitive edge.

The United States' industrial sector is among the cleanest in the world because American innovation drives down emissions and lifts up the economy. Therefore, as America continues to build and develop, continued decarbonization of the industrial sector provides an opportunity for further innovation, helping American industry become more competitive, more efficient, and more environmentally sound.

The *IMPACT Act* directs the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to create a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application for production and use of low-emissions cement, concrete, and asphalt. Concrete is the second most widely used material in the world, behind only water. Asserting leadership in continued decarbonization of the world's second most used material will ensure the United States continues to lead from the front and remain competitive with global manufacturers.

CRES is proud to endorse the *IMPACT Act* and urges a vote in favor of the bill during markup in the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

Sincerely,

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