DRAFT SAMPLE LETTER
Legislative Call to Action

Texas Needs to Stick to a Common Sense and Rational Approach to Regulatory Policy

Dear Senator/Representative _____:

The aggregates, concrete and cement industries are vital to the economic prosperity of Texas. As Texas adds 1,400 new residents each and every day, we must meet the infrastructure demands to support our quality of life, while safeguarding our air, water.

But we need your help in ensuring that the state's environmental and regulatory policies are fair and consistent.

The aggregates, concrete and cement industries in Texas are regulated by as many as 15 different agencies at the federal, state and local levels. These include the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality , the US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish & Wildlife, Texas Dept. of Transportation, the US Mine Safety and Health Administration, the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration, regional river authorities, subsidence districts and counties and cities, to name just a few.

This year, there were more than 35 proposed bills before the 86th Legislature that would have had a monumental effect on the industry. We encourage you to consider the unintended effects of wholesale legislative changes to permitting programs, and the already highly protective requirements and avenues to public involvement in the regulatory process. Broad changes to policy can result in many unintended consequences that ultimately add cost, confusion, time and uncertainty, thus impeding and hindering economic growth, while offering negligible environmental benefit.

Texas is a great place to live and work – with the aggregate, concrete and cement industries at its foundation. To make sure Texas continues to grow and thrive, we want to encourage reasonable and well thought out regulatory policy, not unwarranted responsiveness based on misinformation.

Thank you sincerely for your consideration of how important sound, consistent regulatory policy is to Texas, and to our industries.

Sincerely,

Name