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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

August 10, 2011

Mr. Erik Houser
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee
120 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 2002

Dear Mr. Houser:

This letter is USTR's response to your Freedom of Information Act request for "direct correspondence between the Office of the USTR and representatives of Keystone International, Inc from 1991-1995; direct correspondence between the Office of the USTR and Representative Heather A. Wilson, U.S. House of Representatives, and her staff from June 1998-January 2009; direct correspondence between the Office of the USTR and representatives of Heather Wilson & Company LLC from 2009-present; direct correspondence between the Office of the USTR and Jay Hone or representatives of the Hone Law Firm (1996-present) or representatives of the Law Offices of Jane Hone (1991-1998) of Albuquerque, New Mexico; contracts between the Office of the USTR and Jay Hone of the Hone Law Firm (1996-present) or the Law Offices of Jay Hone (1991-1998) of Albuquerque, New Mexico."

Please be advised that after a reasonable search we have located one (1) document in response to your request.

Inasmuch as this constitutes a complete grant of your request, I am closing your file in this office.

In the event that you are dissatisfied with USTR's determination, you may appeal such a denial, within thirty (30) days, in writing to:

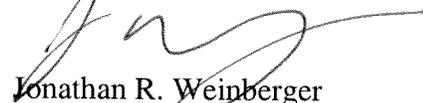
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Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal". In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where we searched for the records you seek.

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to the FOIA office at (202) 395-3419.

Sincerely,



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September 1, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

I respectfully request that you suspend the \$57-per-ton tariff on imported Mexican cement.

There is already a cement shortage in New Mexico and elsewhere and I fear that the massive amount of cement that will be required to reconstruct the Gulf Coast is going to result in an acute nationwide cement shortage that could undermine the health of the country's construction and housing sectors as well as hamper critically needed Gulf Coast reconstruction efforts. Currently, New Mexico's only cement plant, that serves the construction industries through two distribution channels in Albuquerque, New Mexico and El Paso, is rationing its supply of cement causing a strain on New Mexico's housing and construction sectors.

Today, the United States can only produce about 75 percent of the cement it needs using existing plants. We import the rest. But cement that otherwise would be shipped to the United States is being redirected to projects in China, a major supplier of cement, where there is a building boom, and to rebuilding in South Asia in the aftermath of last year's tsunami.

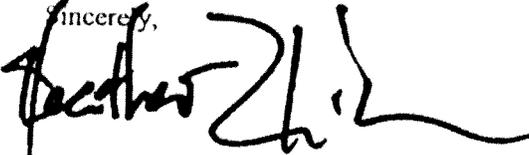
On August 12, 2005 I wrote to Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez and requested that he take decisive action to suspend the tariff on imported cement before many contractors and home builders in my district will be forced to lay off workers because they cannot get cement for jobs. The Commerce Department's September 1, 2005 decision to consider reducing tariffs imposed on the Mexican cement company Cemex, from 54.97 percent to 40.54 percent, is inadequate, especially in light of the massive amount of cement that will be necessary to rebuild the Gulf Coast.

The price of cement is largely determined by the transportation costs involved in delivering the cement. While most cement imports that come from Asia take about 44 days to reach a U.S. port, a Mexican shipment can reach my central New Mexico district and the Gulf

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Coast in less than a week.

Cement is an important building block of economic growth and I ask that you take decisive action to suspend the tariff on imported Mexican cement in order to facilitate critically important Gulf Coast reconstruction efforts and before a nationwide cement shortage results in serious harm to our Nation's economic well being.

Sincerely,

Heather Wilson
Member of Congress

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