

Assembly Member Bob Bonta
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Reference: AB262

Dear Assembly Member Bob Bonta:

The City of Cupertino wishes to express its support for AB262 "Buy Clean." The threats to the well being of our Citizens and the Global Community are real and substantial. The Global Community is in the process of developing new processes, buildings, and transportation systems that will produce near-zero greenhouse gas emissions. California should lead this effort by passing this legislation.

An important item in the legislation is inclusion of concrete, which uses large amounts of cement. Globally Cement Manufacturing is estimated to produce about 5% of all anthropogenic greenhouse gases. So reductions in emissions from this category would be a significant reduction in Global greenhouse gas emissions.

California has several quarries and cement manufacturing facilities. For several decades California Legislation and Regulators have imposed upon these (and other industries) low GHG requirements. Already these facilities are efficient manufacturers of Cement. So an important consequence of this legislation will be jobs and associated investment within our State.

Sincerely,

Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan
Vice Mayor Darcy Paul
Councilman Rod Sinks
Councilman Barry Chang
Councilman Steven Scharf

cc General Manager Lehigh Southwest Cement Company