## Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 2, 2023

The Honorable Ambassador Esteban Moctezuma Ambassador of Mexico 1911 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ambassador Moctezuma,

It is with grave concern that we write once again regarding the treatment of Vulcan Materials Company in Mexico. During a morning press conference on July 13, 2023, President Lopez Obrador publicly stated that Vulcan would never restart operations in Mexico; he then followed that statement up with a threat to turn the company's property into an environmentally protected area. Two weeks later, he made an unsolicited proposal to purchase Vulcan's property for approximately USD \$360 million. That amount represents a mere fraction of the fair market value for the company's land and business operations.

Since making this offer, President Lopez Obrador has repeatedly degraded the company in his speeches. He doubled down on these threats when Vulcan alerted him, and you, on October 18, 2023, that the company remains open to a "mutually negotiated solution that would be satisfactory to both sides," but could not accept the President's unsolicited and inadequate proposal.

These actions are just the latest in a troubling pattern of harassment and illegal interference with Vulcan's business operations in Mexico. After operating an environmentally award-winning business in Mexico for more than 35 years, Vulcan's quarry in Quintana Roo was invaded and illegally shutdown in May of 2022. The company was then subject to a two-week military invasion and occupation in March of this year. These appalling and inexcusable actions call into question the rule of law in Mexico.

With Vulcan's headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama, we write to request a meeting with you on Capitol Hill to brief us about the actions you plan to take to deter the continued aggression from President Lopez Obrador and his administration toward Vulcan. We are also interested in what the illegal treatment of Vulcan means for the U.S.-Mexico relationship and, specifically, the trade relationship between Mexico and the State of Alabama.

As elected representatives from Alabama, we are proud to have Mexican-owned companies and goods throughout the state. These entities operate without fear of government intrusion as they enjoy full protection of both state and federal law. It is important for us understand why Vulcan is not afforded this same basic protection, which is fundamental to any trade relationship, in Mexico.

Sincerely,

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