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Her Excellency Alicia Bárcena
Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States
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Secretary Bárcena,

As you are no doubt aware, Vulcan Materials Company (Vulcan) is an Alabama-based company with a deep-water port and limestone quarry in Mexico. Through multiple interactions with the Government of Mexico (GOM) over the past two years, we have sought an explanation for the unfair treatment of Vulcan by the GOM. This week marks two years since the GOM illegally invaded and shut down the lawful operations of Vulcan in Quintana Roo, Mexico.

Since then, Vulcan has faced persistent threats and harassment from the GOM including a second military invasion and occupation of the company's property in March of 2023, as well as a public statement from President Lopez Obrador threatening to turn the property into an environmentally protected area. These unnecessary, unwarranted, and unprecedented actions have undoubtedly harmed infrastructure developments in Mexico and the United States and threaten to undermine the long-standing bilateral relationship that our two countries currently enjoy. In fact, they have eroded the confidence this delegation has in President Lopez Obrador's leadership in enforcing our existing free trade agreements and adhering to the rule of law.

If Vulcan's land and port are seized, we will be forced to consider all available remedies at our disposal to ensure no entity or individual benefits from the theft of this property. Accordingly, we urge the GOM to reverse the actions taken against Vulcan and work towards a beneficial solution for all parties involved.

Sincerely,



Tommy Tuberville
U.S. Senator



Katie Boyd Britt
U.S. Senator



Bill Hagerty
U.S. Senator



Tim Kaine
U.S. Senator