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To provide for the establishment, in the Office of Pavement Technology of the Federal Highway Administration, of the position of Recovered Mineral Component Ombudsman.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLARKE of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sustainable, Livable
5 And Green (S.L.A.G.) Highway Construction Act of
6 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECOVERED MINERAL COMPONENT OMBUDSMAN;**
2 **PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES.**

3 (a) RECOVERED MINERAL COMPONENT OMBUDSMAN
4 POSITION.—The Secretary of Transportation shall estab-
5 lish in the Office of Pavement Technology of the Federal
6 Highway Administration the position of Recovered Min-
7 eral Component Ombudsman.

8 (b) DUTIES OF OMBUDSMAN.—The duties of the Re-
9 covered Mineral Component Ombudsman shall include—

10 (1) acting as a liaison between the States and
11 the Department of Transportation on federally fund-
12 ed highway projects;

13 (2) encouraging States to use recovered mineral
14 component (referred to in this Act as “RMCs”) to
15 drive down costs and be more environmentally sen-
16 sitive; and

17 (3) providing information on—

18 (A) the safety of using RMCs;

19 (B) data on projects that use RMCs; and

20 (C) training and educational seminars on
21 the environmental benefits, and on the cost sav-
22 ing benefits, of using RMCs through partner-
23 ships with the RMC industry groups supported
24 by the Administration.

1 (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
2 term “recovered mineral components” and “RMCs”
3 means—

- 4 (1) ground granulated blast furnace slag;
- 5 (2) blast furnace slag aggregate;
- 6 (3) steel furnace slag aggregate; and
- 7 (4) any other industry co-product or recovered
8 by-product the Federal Highway Administrator in
9 consultation with an agency head, determines should
10 be treated as recovered mineral component under
11 this section for uses in asphalt or concrete projects
12 paid for, in whole or by part, by such agency.

13 (d) COMPREHENSIVE PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES.—
14 The Secretary of Transportation is encouraged to amend
15 the comprehensive procurement guidelines applicable to
16 federally related asphalt and concrete projects to include
17 specifications that encourage the use of ground granulated
18 blast furnace slag, blast furnace slag aggregate, and steel
19 furnace slag aggregate.

20 (e) ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS.—Not later than
21 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Di-
22 rector of the Environmental Protection Agency shall es-
23 tablish standards to ensure that the use of RMCs does

- 1 not violate the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
- 2 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) or any other environmental law.

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