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Page 260, after line 16, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

SEC. 1726. RECOVERED MINERAL COMPONENT OMBUDSMAN; PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES.

(a) RECOVERED MINERAL COMPONENT OMBUDSMAN POSITION.—The Secretary of Transportation shall establish in the Office of Pavement Technology of the Federal Highway Administration the position of Recovered Mineral Component Ombudsman.

(b) DUTIES OF OMBUDSMAN.—The duties of the Recovered Mineral Component Ombudsman shall include—

(1) acting as an intermediary between States and RMC Industry Groups on federally funded highway projects; and

(2) encouraging States to use recovered mineral components (RMC) to drive down costs, environmentally sensitive; and

(3) providing information on—

(A) the safety of using RMCs;
(B) data on projects that use RMCs; and
(C) training and educational seminars on the environmental benefits, and on the cost saving benefits, of using RMCs through partnerships with the RMC industry groups supported by the Administration.

c) DEFINITION. For purposes of this section, the terms “recovered mineral component” and “RMC” mean—

(1) ground granulated blast furnace slag cement;
(2) blast furnace slag aggregate;
(3) steel furnace slag aggregate; and
(4) any other co-product, waste material or byproduct re-covered or diverted from solid waste that the Federal Highway Administrator, in consultation with an agency head, determines should be treated as recovered mineral component under this section for uses in asphalt or concrete projects paid for, in whole or in part, by such agency.

d) COMPREHENSIVE PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES. The Secretary of Transportation is encouraged to amend the comprehensive procurement guidelines applicable to federally related asphalt and concrete projects to include specifications that encourage the use
of ground granulated blast furnace slag cement, blast furnace slag aggregates and steel furnace slag aggregates.