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**LEE ROGERS VISITS CEMEX SITE, DEMANDS ACTION**

(Simi Valley, CA) – On Saturday, September 8, Dr. Lee Rogers toured the location of the proposed Cemex mega-mine in Soledad Canyon with Andy Fried from Safe for the Environment (SAFE). The proposed mine site is just south of Highway 14 off Soledad Canyon Road. A recent poll commissioned by the City of Santa Clarita showed that while awareness of the mine was lacking, a majority of citizens opposed the mine.

Dr. Rogers said, “This mine would negatively impact 250,000 people in the Santa Clarita Valley. It threatens our air and water quality and will clog traffic on Highway 14 by adding up to 1,200 trucks per day. The weekly blasting will add particulate matter to the windy valleys where there are many residences and schools. Congressman Buck McKeon has been sitting on his hands long enough. It is time for action. He needs to put aside partisanship and introduce legislation to stop the mine. Simply claiming the negative factors have been mitigated won’t do. We’re running out of time and he needs to act now if we are going to avoid this catastrophe from affecting our valleys.”

Rogers, who is challenging McKeon in November’s congressional election, continued, “If elected, I vow to work from day one to stop this mine. It will literally be the first thing I do in Congress. It’s that important. Senator Boxer’s bill is making progress in the Senate and may get a hearing soon, but a companion bill is needed in the House of Representatives. McKeon has said he doesn’t plan on acting this session and I really can’t fathom why he would ignore his constituents.”

The Rogers team is starting an ad campaign today targeting McKeon for his inaction on Cemex. Web banner ads and a video are running in various media and can be seen at [www.LeeRogers2012.com/Cemex](http://www.LeeRogers2012.com/Cemex).

*Dr. Lee Rogers is a nationally known podiatrist and expert in health policy. He is challenging incumbent Howard “Buck” McKeon for the Congressional seat in California’s 25<sup>th</sup> district. Lee lives in Simi Valley with his wife and two daughters. More information can be found at [www.LeeRogers2012.com](http://www.LeeRogers2012.com).*

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