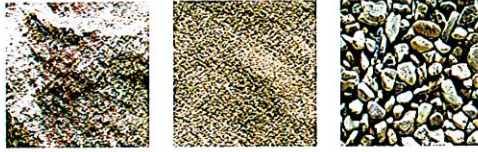


NATIONAL STONE, SAND & GRAVEL ASSOCIATION



Natural building blocks for quality of life

November 13, 2008

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

On behalf of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) please accept our sincerest thanks for your service to our nation. We write to encourage you to include funds for transportation infrastructure in the stimulus package.

We believe a stimulus measure containing transportation infrastructure funding for “ready to go” projects will create hundreds of thousands of jobs and improve road safety at the same time. As you are aware, nearly 35,000 good paying jobs are created for each additional \$1 billion of federal investment. Further, by investing in infrastructure you will be placing the economy in a better position as it recovers since economic growth relies on a well functioning transportation system.

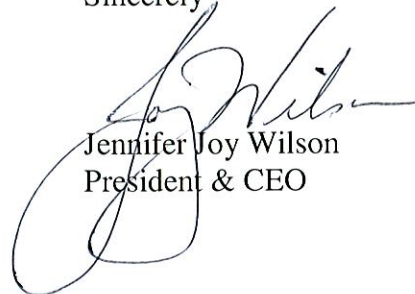
NSSGA represents the quarries, and sand and gravel businesses whose products form the foundation of America’s built environment. Not a home or a school, a road, hospital or water treatment plan is built without aggregates. Our industry - dominated by small, family owned businesses in 11,000 locations nationwide - mirrors the economy and is a basic industry key to America’s economic recovery.

While nearly three billion tons of aggregates were produced in 2007 at a value of approximately \$21 billion, in 2008 the USGS estimates significant reduction in tonnage due to dramatic economic declines, especially in housing and road construction. The industry contributed over \$40 billion to the U.S. 2007 GDP. Every \$1 million in aggregate sales creates 19.5 jobs, and every dollar of industry output returns \$1.58 to the economy. Aggregate comprises 94 percent of asphalt pavement and 80 percent of concrete is aggregate.

As for safety, despite recent successes even today too many Americans lose their lives on the roads each year. According to The Road Information Project, one-third of all highway deaths are attributable to poor road conditions. This means that in 2006 more than 12,900 moms, dads, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters did not make it home safe and sound. The tragic part is we can fix these poor road conditions.

By including transportation infrastructure in a final stimulus measure, you will be helping the nation in three ways. First, by creating hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs; second, by building transportation infrastructure that will help the economy into the future; and three, helping ensure more of our drivers get to their destination safely. For these reasons we are hopeful you will include transportation infrastructure in the final stimulus bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Joy Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jennifer Joy Wilson
President & CEO