



NATIONAL STONE, SAND  
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Grace Napolitano  
Chairwoman of the House Transportation &  
Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Water  
Resources and Environment  
1610 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable David Rouzer  
Ranking Member of the House Transportation  
& Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Water  
Resources and Environment  
2439 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairwoman Napolitano and Ranking Member Rouzer,

On behalf of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) and the aggregate industry we represent, we welcome today's hearing titled The Water Resources Development Act of 2020: Status of Essential Provisions. NSSGA supports efforts to improve and invest in all levels of our nation's infrastructure network, including critical navigable waterways that is essential to America's economic competitiveness.

NSSGA is the leading advocate for the aggregates industry, which provides the critical raw materials found in virtually every surface transportation project, including roads, highways, bridges, runways, pipelines and much more. Our membership represents more than 90 percent of the crushed stone and 70 percent of the sand and gravel produced annually in the United States. We were pleased with Congress' passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (WRDA) in its end-of-year package and the legislative success of opening the full resources available within the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF). Aggregate is a critical material used in various WRDA projects, including dredging, port enhancements, shoreline protection, flood mitigation and so much more. These projects are critical to our waterway infrastructure improvements and combating climate change across the country. Leveraging the HMTF to its full capacity, especially given the pandemic's impact on local economies, will help advance current WRDA-related projects and create thousands of jobs throughout the construction supply chain.

Given the success of WRDA 2020, we hope the 117th Congress continues its leadership on this issue by passing WRDA 2022 reauthorization on time and approve funding necessary for many vital Army Corps of Engineers projects. NSSGA looks forward to your Subcommittee's discussion on WRDA projects impacts past, present and future. Please consider our industry a resource as WRDA 2022 evolves.



Thank you for your time, and we look forward to partnering with your offices as we work to improve our nation's navigable waterway infrastructure network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Johnson', is enclosed in a white rectangular box.

Michael W. Johnson  
President and CEO

cc: Members of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

