



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

June 8, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman of the House Transportation &
Infrastructure Committee
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member of the House
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

On behalf of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) and the aggregate industry we represent, we welcome the committee's efforts to markup your surface transportation reauthorization package this week. NSSGA has led the charge to pass a robust, multi-year surface transportation reauthorization package before the current one-year extension of the FAST Act expires on September 30th. Our surface transportation network is crumbling and facing over \$800 billion in overdue improvements and expansions that have yet to be implemented. It is no secret that our roads, bridges and highways are overutilized and underfunded, and the only way to fix this problem is if Congress prioritizes surface transportation project improvements that will employ hundreds of thousands of Americans and will dramatically grow our national economy.

NSSGA is the leading advocate and resource for the aggregates industry, whose members provide the critical raw materials found in virtually every public works project; 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 appreciate the introduction and subsequent markup of the INVEST in America Act, which would authorize \$547 billion in surface transportation project funding over five years. We are pleased that the bill would provide \$343 billion for road, bridge and highway projects, including \$32 billion in dedicated funds for much-needed bridge repair and reconstruction. We also welcome inclusion of the ROCKS Act, which will help improve aggregate sustainability as local, state and federal stakeholders communicate and better understand their aggregate needs for current and upcoming surface transportation projects.



While we welcome the urgency your committee is undertaking to introduce and markup your surface transportation reauthorization package, we encourage you to continue to strive for bi-partisan solutions that incorporate stakeholder feedback across infrastructure and surface transportation industries. Meaningful federal investment and bi-partisanship go hand-in-hand and we look forward to the package you report out of committee and ultimately pass on the House floor. As this process continues, please consider NSSGA as a resource and engaged partner to help identify and advocate for those relevant policies most important to aggregate producers and the construction supply chain. Thank you for your efforts and we look forward to advancing a multi-year surface transportation reauthorization package in the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael W. Johnson
President and CEO
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association

cc: Members of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

