



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

June 25, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
House Minority Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
S-221, The Capitol
Washington DC, 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
S-230, The Capitol
Washington DC, 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell,

On behalf of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) and the aggregate industry we represent, we welcome recent developments between a bipartisan group of Senators and the Biden Administration to reach agreement on a framework that will provide roughly \$600 billion in new infrastructure investments. We call on you to move this bipartisan infrastructure proposal through congress in the coming months to deliver historic infrastructure investment that the American people have been waiting for.

Our association is the leading advocate and resource for the aggregates industry, whose members provide the critical raw materials found in virtually every public works project. 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. Our member companies are ready to put this proposal into action and deliver the vital raw materials to countless projects in desperate need of attention.

Our nation has yearned for transformative investments in infrastructure to improve our dilapidated and overutilized transportation networks, which will vastly improve our communities; bolster our economy; and provide millions of new jobs. President Biden, Congressional leaders and almost every federally elected official has promised increased infrastructure investment, and polls routinely show that a supermajority of voters support these efforts. For far too long, we have heard the constant rhetoric of elected officials



wanting to “work together” and “put politics aside” to pass meaningful infrastructure legislation that benefits all corners of the country, only to see negotiations fall apart and each side blaming the other. But now we have a bipartisan agreement on the table that will greatly enhance our roads, bridges, highways, waterways, ports, energy networks that this country desperately needs, and we call on you to seize this moment and deliver on your promises.

Further, we appreciate the work of committees of jurisdiction to draft and move portions of a surface transportation reauthorization. As you know, it is imperative a reauthorization is finalized before the current authorization expires at the end of the fiscal year. We are hopeful the infrastructure negotiations achieved this week will help guide completion of the surface transportation reauthorization. Without it, any benefits provided by new investments included in the bipartisan infrastructure framework would be severely mitigated if our federal, state, and local partners do not have the financial certainty, programming and robust funding offered in a surface transportation reauthorization package to get their work done. Falling short of this goal will result in short-term extensions, which increases project costs and delays desperately needed updates and maintenance.

We know this package is far from complete and there will be additional revisions and debates in the coming weeks, but we cannot let partisan rhetoric and soundbites undermine an infrastructure package that Americans across the political spectrum have asked you to pass. Our industry stands behind you as a resource and an advocate to continue the momentum achieved this week until the job is done. Thank you for your continued efforts and we look forward to seeing this Congress deliver on this critical policy objective.

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 US House and Senate

