

December 8, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy House Minority Leader U.S. House of Representatives 2468 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Charles Schumer Senate Majority Leader United States Senate 322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Senate Minority Leader United States Senate 317 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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

On behalf of the over 400 members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), I am writing to express our support for the Water Resources and Development Act of 2022.

NSSGA represents aggregates producers and those who manufacture equipment and services that support the construction industry. Our members are essential to the work of this country, and we represent more than 90 percent of the crushed stone and 70 percent of the sand and gravel produced annually in the United States. Our members employ more than 100,000 hard-working men and women, who are responsible for the essential raw materials found in every home, building, road, port, dam and public works project.

NSSGA would like to applaud Congress in their efforts to include the crucial WRDA language in this year's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA); as this piece of legislation will support efforts to improve and invest in all levels of our nation's infrastructure network, including critical navigable waterways that are essential to America's economic competitiveness. We appreciate the committee working together to put forward a bipartisan reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act. The enactment of this two-year legislation will provide \$40 billion in federal investments to build critical water infrastructure projects across the nation that will improve our supply chains, mitigate flooding and better our communities. The WRDA authorization is a responsible bill, which provides aggregates producers from around the country the certainty needed to supply the worthwhile projects funded by this legislation.

We thank the Senate EPW committee for their dedication to advancing WRDA 2022 and call on Congress to move this legislation. Please consider NSSGA a resource on waterway infrastructure and other items related to infrastructure policy.

Sincerely,

Michael Johnson President and CEO National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association