



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

June 1, 2021

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

The Honorable Grace Napolitano
Chairwoman of the House Transportation &
Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Water
Resources and the Environment
2439 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Chairwoman Napolitano,

On behalf of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) and the aggregate industry we represent, thank you for introducing the Water Quality Protection and Jobs Act of 2021 (HR 1915). NSSGA supports efforts to improve and invest in all levels of our nation's infrastructure network, including water and wastewater infrastructure, and your bill's focus goes a long way towards achieving this goal.

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. Thank you for your efforts to prioritize much-needed resources for our Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF), authorizing \$40B over five years, that will dramatically improve our nation's wastewater infrastructure network. We welcome the attention and resources afforded to states and municipalities regarding their local pollution control programs and attention on those projects of most need for sewer improvement. We also appreciate excluding complex changes to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits that would create unintended consequences for our industry and the administrative continuance we depend upon.

NSSGA looks forward to working with you and your colleagues across the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee to pass a robust, bi-partisan SRF authorization that improves our wastewater infrastructure network. Thank you for your time and we look forward to partnering with your offices as we work to improve our nation's wastewater infrastructure network.



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

