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

Ranking Member David Rouzer
Ranking Member of the House Transportation &
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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 *Building Back Better: The Urgent Need for Investment in America's Wastewater Infrastructure*. NSSGA supports efforts to improve and invest in all levels of our nation's infrastructure network, including water and wastewater infrastructure, and appreciate the subcommittee's work achieving this goal.

NSSGA is the leading advocate and resource for the aggregates industry, who provide the critical raw materials found in virtually every surface transportation 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 welcome efforts of the subcommittee to introduce, debate and pass a robust infrastructure bill addressing our wastewater network. Ensuring timely and meaningful federal investments into our wastewater infrastructure will serve two key huge needs facing our country: rebuilding our economy by putting thousands of Americans back to work in the construction sector, as well as prioritizing the dependability and efficiency of our wastewater system for future generations.

NSSGA looks forward to the legislation your Subcommittee will draft and consider, and our industry is a resource as relevant legislation evolves. Further, NSSGA hopes the bi-partisan and productive dialogue this issue facilitates will build momentum throughout the full committee and entire House, to pass robust infrastructure investment for our surface transportation systems.

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,



Michael W. Johnson
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National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association

cc: Members of the House Water and Environment Subcommittee