



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the 450 members of the National Stone, Sand, & Gravel Association (NSSGA), I am writing to thank the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for holding today's markup on proposals that will improve our supply chain.

NSSGA members consist of stone, sand, and gravel producers; industrial sand suppliers; and the equipment manufacturers and service providers who support them. With upwards of 9,000 locations, the aggregates industry produces 2.5 billion tons of materials used annually in the United States. Aggregates are the building blocks of our modern society and needed to construct and maintain roads, railways, bridges, tunnels, water supply, sewers, electrical grids, and telecommunications.

Over the last two years, Congress has adopted the largest infrastructure investment in our nation's history, a revitalization of our domestic manufacturing base and a reshaping of our energy future. Our industry is instrumental to delivering these results, as we produce and supply the billions of tons of aggregates that to pave new transportation networks, build new manufacturing hubs, and construct the networks that deliver reliable and renewable energy to every American home.

That is why we appreciate the work of the committee to find common sense solutions that will address permitting and supply chain issues holding back our full potential. Specifically, NSSGA would like to share with the committee our staunch support for the following measures:

H.R. 2367, Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act, Rep. Mike Bost (IL)

NSSGA supports this legislation, as it will increase the desperately needed parking opportunities for our nation's truckers and attract more drivers to the stretched-thin industry. Our members are prepared to supply the needed construction materials for projects that expand parking, alleviate bottlenecks, improve safety, and eliminate congestion on our roads and



highways. If enacted, this legislation will improve supply chains and keep our strong economy moving.

H.R. 3316, To amend titles 46 and 49, United States Code, to streamline the environmental review process for major projects, and for other purposes, Rep. Crawford (AR)

NSSGA supports this legislation as it streamlines the approval process for infrastructure projects by consolidating the environmental review process among various government agencies. Burdensome and duplicative permitting hurdles are stopping thousands of transformative projects from coming to fruition. The permitting process also makes it harder for our members to access and bring to market the materials needed to build. Every day we wait, it places more strain on our industry, as prices increase and uncertainty compounds. Enacting H.R. 3316 will help address our permitting challenges and unlock American investments.

H.R. 3318, To amend title 23, United States Code, to establish an axle weight tolerance for certain commercial motor vehicles transporting dry bulk goods, and for other purposes, Rep. Crawford (AR) and Rep. Carbajal (CA)

NSSGA supports this commonsense and bipartisan legislation which provides a fix to truck weight variances allowing more efficient transportation of aggregates from production facilities to job sites. By removing unnecessary red tape, aggregates producers will face less regulatory scrutiny without sacrificing safety.

H.R. 3408, Developing Responsible Individuals for a Vibrant Economy Safe Integrity Act of 2023 (DRIVE Safe Integrity Act), Rep. Crawford (AR)

NSSGA supports this legislation as it will help address critical workforce challenges that are plaguing our industry and the industries that move our product to markets. By moving forward with regulations to allow 18 to 20-year-old CMV drivers to operate across state lines, it will create more opportunities for hard working Americans to access jobs, addressing workforce challenges.

H.R. 3447, To amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize a hydrogen powered vehicle to exceed certain weight limits on the Interstate Highway System, and for other purposes, Rep. Stanton (AZ)

NSSGA supports this legislation to bring new innovative and low emission vehicles, that our members can utilize to move their needed products to construction projects, to market.

NSSGA urges all members of the committee to support these commonsense proposals and we thank all the members of Congress for their leadership to address supply chain challenges impacting our industry.

Sincerely,

Michael Johnson
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National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

Cc: Members of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

