



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

June 6, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House
2468 Rayburn House Office Building

The Honorable Hakeem Jefferies
House Minority Leader
2433 Rayburn House Office Building

Dear Speaker McCarthy and Leader Jefferies:

On behalf of the 450 members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), we write to share our support of H.R. 277, the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act. Equipping Congress with the authority to examine major rules will help prevent erroneous, overextending regulations from being enacted by federal agencies, leading to more efficient production, lower regulatory costs and coherent implementation measures.

NSSGA represents the aggregates and industrial sand industry of our country, with over 9,000 facilities and more than 100,000 employees in high-paying jobs. This industry procures 2.5 billion tons of aggregates annually, which are crucial in sustaining our lifestyle and constructing our nation's infrastructure and communities. The products sourced by this industry are fundamental components required for building roads, airports, transit, rail, ports, clean water, and energy networks.

Constantly changing and far reaching federal regulations make it extremely complicated for our members to source and supply needed construction materials. Recent regulatory actions from a host of agencies have led to higher construction cost and more difficult permitting conditions for the aggregates industry. The REINS Act will bring needed scrutiny to bureaucratic actions, providing a more effective and reliant regulatory process allowing our industry to continue to rebuild our nation's aging infrastructure, through lowered costs, more jobs and helpful permitting reform.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our office at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Johnson", is written over a light grey background.

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

