



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

July 19, 2023

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
House Committee on
Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
House Committee on
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2165 Rayburn House Office Building

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

On behalf of the 450 members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), we write to share our strong support for H.R. 3935, the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act and express our gratitude for advancing this crucial piece of legislation. We are delighted to see bi-partisan support for reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and endorsing aviation safety and infrastructure programs for the upcoming five years. The aggregates industry is fully prepared to provide the necessary raw materials to successfully execute multiple construction projects and looks forward to having a hand in revitalizing our nation's aviation infrastructure.

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.

The aggregates industry produces 100 percent of the material for the airfield pavement foundations; 95 percent of the raw material in asphalt concrete overlays; and 70-85 percent of the cement concrete overlays, making aggregates the number one material used in our aviation infrastructure. As H.R. 3935 crosses the finish line, our members will waste no time in working alongside the FAA in supplying the raw materials needed to enhance our nation's runways.

This bipartisan legislation will provide aviation and airport infrastructure policies that not only improve safety but also foster economic development and cater to the increasing demands of the traveling public. NSSGA and our members look forward to rebuilding, revitalizing, and creating infrastructure to ensure the United States maintains its top spot as a global leader in the aviation industry.



Further, we appreciate the work of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the full House of Representatives to move forward with a common sense and robust piece of legislation, without including harmful new policies that would impede our ability to source materials needed to improve and build airports.

We thank Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen and all the members for their leadership and tireless work to move this legislation and look forward to completing a FAA reauthorization with counterparts in the Senate,

If you have any questions, please reach out anytime.

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 & Gravel Association

