



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairwoman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S-128

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chairwoman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S-128

The Honorable Brian Schatz
Chairman
Senate Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and Related
Agencies
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The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
Vice Chairwoman
Senate Subcommittee on Transportation,
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Dear Chairwoman Murray, Ranking Member Collins, Chairman Schatz and Ranking Member Hyde-Smith,

On behalf of the 450 members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), we write to express our gratitude to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies for their hard work to advance the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 bill which enhances public transit, airports, railways and roads nationwide.

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 urgency to repair our nation's current infrastructure has never been more pronounced. It is a necessity to pass a complete FY 2024 bill as soon as possible in order to raise the obligation limit consistent with the IIJA-authorized level of spending from the Highway Trust Fund and the much needed \$2.047 billion increase for highways. As our members aim to get transportation projects through the pipeline and across the finish line as soon as possible, failing to get this bill across the floor



would prevent states and localities from utilizing the funding increase to enhance our congested roads and deteriorating bridges, forcing them to rely on funding from the previous fiscal year.

We recognize that there is still more work to be done by both chambers of Congress and the Biden administration to come to an agreement on the overall spending levels for FY 2024. Nevertheless, we find encouragement in the progress made by the Committee in passing legislation that promotes our nation's infrastructure priorities, such as an increase in funding for transit investment totaling \$2.45 billion for Capital Investment Grants and \$365.8 in budget authority for Transit Investment Grants, \$3.852 billion for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants and funding for Airport Pavement research program in the FAA portion of the bill.

These projects will rejuvenate our roadways, transit systems, airports, ports and other critical infrastructure, ultimately enhancing productivity and fostering greater economic opportunities and would not be possible without these record investments.

NSSGA stands ready to continue working with you as Congress moves this important legislation forward and continues to negotiate a final version before the start of the new fiscal year.

Thank you for the consideration on this matter. Please reach out to our office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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

