



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
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The Hon. Nathaniel Moran
U.S. Congressman
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Dear Congressman Finstad, Congresswoman Caraveo, and Congressman Moran:

I am writing on behalf of the over 400 members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), to express our strong support for the bipartisan Prove It Act that you recently introduced. The aggregates industry, like many others, has faced considerable challenges due to the increasing complexity and scope of federal regulations. These regulations often impose substantial direct and indirect costs on small businesses, which unlike larger entities, lack the resources to navigate these regulatory burdens effectively.

NSSGA represents the aggregates industry, including thousands of quarries, sand and gravel operations, and other related businesses nationwide. NSSGA members conduct over 9,000 operations and employ over 100,000 citizens to create 2.5 billion tons of aggregates each year. These raw materials are essential to rebuild and repair our country's aging infrastructure and assist our nation's goals in lowering the overall energy cost for families.

The Prove It Act represents a significant step forward in ensuring that small businesses, including those within the aggregates sector, are not unduly burdened by regulations that can stifle innovation, reduce job creation, and hamper economic growth. By requiring federal agencies to analyze the impact of their regulations on small entities and limit these impacts, the legislation aligns with our longstanding commitment to sensible, balanced regulatory frameworks that protect the environment and public safety without imposing unnecessary costs on businesses.




Moreover, the Act's provisions for creating mechanisms for small businesses to raise concerns and request reviews are especially important. These measures provide a vital avenue for our members to ensure that regulations are fair, transparent, and consider the unique challenges faced by small businesses. Ensuring easy access to guidance documents and direct communication channels with regulators will also greatly benefit small businesses by reducing compliance uncertainty and fostering a more cooperative regulatory environment.

We thank you for your leadership and commitment to protecting small businesses from overbearing regulations. The Prove It Act will help ensure that federal agencies fully consider the impact of their actions on small entities, promoting a healthier business environment and supporting the vital contributions of small businesses to our national economy.

We look forward to the passage of this important legislation and stand ready to support its implementation to ensure that it delivers meaningful benefits to the aggregates industry and all small businesses across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Stanley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Michele Stanley

Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy Officer

