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January 15, 2025

The Honorable Mike Lee
Chair
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
U.S. Senate
363 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Martin Heinrich
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources U.S.
Senate
709 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Lee and Heinrich,

As the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources prepares to vote on Mr. Chris Wright's nomination, as Secretary of Energy, the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) would like to express our unwavering support for his confirmation.

As a distinguished business leader, Mr. Wright understands how energy policy impacts businesses nationwide. His understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the aggregates industry, including NSSGA's industrial sand division, will enable him to empower our industry to succeed in the upcoming years. His vision for the Department of Energy aligns with our goals that energy laws and regulations should be based on sound scientific, engineering and medical research and established scientific, engineering and medical principles.

NSSGA represents stone, sand and gravel producers who are responsible for the essential raw materials found in every building, road, bridge and public works project. NSSGA looks forward to working with an Energy Secretary who understands the harmful repercussions of overregulation. NSSGA members believe that wise environmental stewardship is good business. Aggregates operations around the country recognize that the Earth's resources, upon which all life depends, are finite. Wise environmental stewardship is necessary today to preserve the potential for a quality life for future generations.

We respectfully urge you to confirm Chris Wright as the next Secretary of Energy. Thank you for considering our position. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michele Stanley
Interim CEO
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

