

June 10, 2025

The Honorable John Thune Majority leader United States Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Chuck Schumer Minority Leader United States Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), I am writing to express our support for the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act*. NSSGA encourages the Senate to pass this package in a timely manner. These policies will ultimately strengthen the aggregates industry and the American economy.

NSSGA proudly represents over 500 members consisting of aggregates producers and the manufacturers of equipment and services that support the construction industry. Together, our members form the backbone of the U.S. infrastructure sector, contributing to more than 90 percent of the crushed stone and 70 percent of the sand and gravel produced annually across the nation. Our industry employs the hardworking men and women who produce the essential raw materials used in every home, building, road, port, dam and public works project. The industry's economic impact creates a ripple effect on the broader economy. For every job in the aggregates industry, an additional 5.95 jobs across other industries are supported, and each dollar of earnings creates another \$4.95 of earnings in other sectors.

NSSGA supports building upon the positive outcomes of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act by investing in policies that foster growth, support workers and benefit small businesses. NSSGA appreciates that the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* includes aggregates industry priorities, such as bonus depreciation, the Research and Development Tax Credit, small business deductions, keeping the corporate tax rate at the status quo and protecting percentage depletion and estate taxes. Additionally, we appreciate Congress's commitment to safeguarding associations' tax-protected status. This tax bill will provide certainty for aggregates operators to make necessary capital investments that will create jobs and grow our economy.

We also appreciate congressional support for roads, bridges and public transportation systems, which have helped deliver much-needed projects to every congressional



district nationwide. As you know, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's section of the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* included new provisions to raise revenue for the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) through user fees by implementing an electric vehicle registration fee and ensuring all road users continue to pay into the system. If enacted, this would be the first revenue increase to the HTF in over thirty years. While these provisions will not completely address the shortfalls in the HTF, it begins the critical work of finding a sustainable funding source. We also encourage Congress to ensure that revenues collected in the new fee are remitted to and remain in the HTF.

We are concerned that the bill repeals and rescinds all unobligated funds under the Inflation Reduction Act Section 60112. NSSGA encourages the Senate to clarify that grant selectees should be allowed to move forward and sign contracts with the Environmental Protection Agency. These agreements should not be considered unobligated. This program is critical for the industry's long-term success, as it will help eliminate data gaps in quantifying and tracking the extraction, transportation and manufacturing of construction materials.

We appreciate your leadership and the opportunity to work alongside your team to champion policies that benefit the American people. Should you or your staff have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you for considering our position on these critical matters.

Sincerely,

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