



June 18, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune:

On behalf of the American Cement Association (ACA), the American Exploration & Mining Association (AEMA), the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), the National Mining Association (NMA), the National Stone Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), and the Texas Aggregates & Concrete Association (TACA), we urge the Senate to quickly advance the nomination of Wayne Palmer (PN25-38 and Senate Executive Calendar No. 168) as Assistant Secretary for the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) at the U.S. Department of Labor without delay. Mr. Palmer was reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions on May 22.

MSHA's mission complements the mining industry's commitment to protecting its workforce. President Trump's nomination of Mr. Palmer reflects his substantial expertise in mine safety and his deep understanding of the industry's operational and regulatory challenges. His confirmation will bring steady, informed leadership and strengthen collaborative efforts between the government and industry to ensure safe and productive mining operations nationwide.

Safety is a top priority for our members. Through Mr. Palmer's experience and vision, MSHA will be well-positioned to partner with industry to achieve our shared safety objectives. We are confident that his leadership will reinforce the Administration's goal of protecting miners while supporting the long-term viability of domestic mining.

Thank you for your attention to this critical nomination.

Sincerely,

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