

November 7, 2025

The Honorable Jamieson Greer United States Trade Representative 600 17th Street NW Washington, DC 20508

Re: Docket No. USTR-2025-0274 – Suspension of Action in Section 301 Investigation of China's Targeting of the Maritime, Logistics, and Shipbuilding Sectors for Dominance

Dear Ambassador Greer:

The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the United States Trade Representative's request to suspend the action in the Section 301 investigation of China's Targeting of the Maritime, Logistics, and Shipbuilding Sectors for Dominance. NSSGA is submitting standalone comments to USTR's proposed modifications to this action initially published in the Federal Register on October 10, 2025, that would directly impact Laker vessels and the aggregates industry.

NSSGA supports suspending the Section 301 action and its corresponding fees for one year. As in our March 24, 2025, comments submitted to the USTR-2025-0002 Docket on Section 301 Investigation of China's Targeting of the Maritime, Logistics and Shipbuilding Sectors, we urged "USTR not to seek implementation of its proposed actions and postpone any final action until consultation with industry stakeholders on alternate solutions that will not disrupt the US economy are identified." We urge the USTR to engage with industry stakeholders during the proposed one-year suspension period.

As we also stated in March, we continue to believe that the national maritime security and economic prosperity of the U.S. will be best achieved through U.S. policies that promote the revitalization and rebuilding of our domestic shipbuilding industries and supporting workforce, rather than a reimplementation after one year of USTR's tariff actions.

NSSGA members include stone, sand, and gravel producers; industrial sand suppliers; along with equipment manufacturers and service providers who support them. With over 9,000 locations, the aggregates industry produces about 2.5 billion tons of materials each year in the United States. Aggregates are the building blocks of modern society and are vital for constructing and maintaining heavy infrastructure such as roads, railways, bridges, tunnels, data centers,



warehouses, residential buildings, water supply systems, sewers, electrical grids, and telecommunications networks.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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