



NATIONAL STONE, SAND  
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Mike Collins  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Water Resources and  
Environment  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frederica Wilson  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Water Resources and  
Environment  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Collins and Ranking Member Wilson:

On behalf of the over 500 members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), I am writing to share our priorities for the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2026 ahead of the Subcommittee's upcoming stakeholder priorities hearing. NSSGA represents aggregates producers and manufacturers of equipment and services that support the construction industry. Our members employ more than 100,000 hardworking men and women responsible for producing the essential raw materials found in every home, building, road, port, dam, and public works project across the nation.

Aggregates are critical components in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) projects authorized under WRDA. These materials are vital for improving ports and harbors, enhancing waterway infrastructure and navigation, protecting shorelines, mitigating flooding, and supporting ecosystem restoration efforts. Our industry also plays a key role in environmental applications, including erosion control, water filtration systems, wastewater management, drinking water purification, and wetland restoration.

NSSGA strongly supports the biennial reauthorization of WRDA to provide certainty and sustained funding for these essential infrastructure projects. This predictability enables aggregates producers to plan effectively and supply the building materials needed for vital water infrastructure initiatives. We applaud the Subcommittee's efforts to gather stakeholder input and urge Congress to prioritize the following in WRDA 2026:

- Continued Investment in USACE Civil Works Projects: Authorize and fully fund projects that address navigation improvements, flood risk management, coastal protection, and ecosystem restoration. These initiatives not only bolster



economic competitiveness but also create jobs and support communities reliant on reliable water infrastructure.

- Streamlining Permitting and Regulatory Processes: Promote policies that expedite project reviews while maintaining environmental protections to reduce delays and costs associated with infrastructure development.
- Material Neutrality and Performance-Based Standards: Encourage the use of non-discriminatory, performance-based criteria for materials in USACE projects to foster innovation, sustainability, and cost savings for taxpayers.

NSSGA appreciates the bipartisan tradition of WRDA, and the aggregates industry stands ready to provide the essential materials to support our nation's water infrastructure projects. Please consider NSSGA as a resource as you continue your important work of advancing this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Stanley".

Michele Stanley  
President and CEO  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

cc: The Honorable Sam Graves  
The Honorable Rick Larsen

