

March 16, 2026

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
U.S. Senate  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Lee  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
U.S. Senate  
304 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
U.S. Senate  
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Martin Heinrich  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
U.S. Senate  
304 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Capito and Lee, and Ranking Members Whitehouse and Heinrich,

On behalf of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) and our partner associations, which represent the aggregates industry in their respective states, we urge the Senate to act quickly and in a bipartisan manner to pass comprehensive permitting reform. It is time to modernize our nation's permitting systems so our communities can build the infrastructure needed to grow our economy, create good-paying jobs and meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Our associations proudly represent 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 more than 100,000 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 throughout the economy. Each dollar of earnings creates another \$4.95 of earnings in other sectors, and each dollar of industry sales produces another \$3.29 of sales in other industries.

Infrastructure projects, from roads and bridges to energy, housing, manufacturing and water systems, rely on a reliable local aggregate supply. Yet today's permitting system often causes long delays, duplicative reviews and ongoing legal uncertainty, driving up costs and preventing projects from moving forward, even after years of review.

The undersigned associations urge you to support broad, bipartisan permitting reform, including H.R. 4776, the SPEED Act; H.R. 3898, the PERMIT Act; and related proposals. A core principle of reform must be to project certainty: once a project has completed a thorough permitting process and received approval, it should proceed without indefinite delay or

repeated challenges, including from presidential administrations. A second core principle must be project-agnostic support for all infrastructure types.

Permitting reform is not about weakening environmental protections; it is about ensuring decisions are timely, durable and respected so that critical projects can be built. We have seen policies shift between administrations, and we urgently need Congress to step in and provide the long-term certainty businesses need. Without certainty, infrastructure investments cannot be delivered efficiently, and communities pay the price.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association.

Sincerely,

National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
Arizona Rock Products Association  
Connecticut Construction Industries Association  
Colorado Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
Georgia Construction Aggregate Association  
Georgia Mining Association  
Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers  
Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association  
Kansas Concrete & Aggregate Producers  
Kentucky Crushed Stone Association  
Indiana Mineral Aggregates Association  
Infra - Missouri Sand and Stone  
Iowa Limestone Producers Association  
Maryland Transportation Builders & Materials Association  
Massachusetts Aggregate and Asphalt Pavement Association  
Michigan Aggregates Association  
Aggregate and Ready Mix Association of Minnesota  
Mississippi Road Builders Association  
New Jersey Construction Materials Association  
New York Construction Materials Association  
North Carolina Aggregates Association  
Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association  
Oklahoma Aggregates Association  
Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association  
South Carolina Aggregates Association  
Tennessee Road Builders Association  
Texas Aggregates and Concrete Association  
Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance  
Washington Aggregates & Concrete Association  
Aggregate Producers of Wisconsin