



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

July 16, 2026

The Honorable Bill Cassidy, M.D.
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor, and Pensions
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bernard Sanders
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor, and Pensions
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cassidy and Ranking Member Sanders:

On behalf of the nearly 500 members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, I am writing to express our strong support for the nomination of the Honorable Keith Sonderling to serve as Secretary of Labor. As your committee prepares to conduct his confirmation hearing, we urge you to advance his nomination and support his confirmation on the Senate floor.

NSSGA represents the U.S. aggregates and industrial sand industries, with over 9,000 facilities that procure 2.5 billion tons of aggregates annually. These products are fundamental components for building roads, airports, transit, rail, ports, clean water systems and energy networks. A skilled, safe and productive workforce is paramount to operating quarries, crushing plants and aggregates facilities that supply critical materials for America's infrastructure projects.

Policies promulgated by the Department of Labor significantly impact our members by shaping regulatory frameworks that govern workplace safety, wage and hour standards, workforce development and the integration of new technologies. Mr. Sonderling's extensive experience includes leadership roles at the Wage and Hour Division and the EEOC, and he currently serves as Acting Secretary of Labor. Through his work, he demonstrates a strong commitment to clear guidance, practical compliance assistance and balanced approaches that support both worker safety and industry competitiveness.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Department of Labor under Mr. Sonderling's leadership to advance policies that strengthen worker safety, while ensuring producers can access and retain the skilled workforce needed to meet growing demand for aggregates. We appreciate your consideration and urge you to swiftly advance the nomination of Keith Sonderling.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Stanley", is written over a light gray background.

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

