

May 19, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson Speaker of the House U.S House of Representatives H-232, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson:

On behalf of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), I am writing to express our gratitude for introducing the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. NSSGA encourages the House of Representatives to pass this package in a timely manner. These policies will ultimately strengthen the aggregates industry and the American economy.

NSSGA proudly represents over 500 members consisting of 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 the 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, and each dollar of earnings creates another \$4.95 of earnings in other sectors.

NSSGA supports building upon the positive outcomes of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act by investing in policies that foster growth, support workers and benefit small businesses. NSSGA appreciates that the One Big Beautiful Bill Act includes aggregates industry priorities, such as bonus depreciation, the Research and Development Tax Credit, small business deductions, keeping the corporate tax rate at the status quo and protecting percentage depletion and estate taxes. Additionally, we appreciate the committee's commitment to safeguarding associations' tax-protected status. This tax bill will provide certainty for aggregates operators to make necessary capital investments that will create jobs and grow our economy.

NSSGA also appreciates congressional support for roads, bridges and public transportation systems that have helped deliver much-needed projects to every congressional district nationwide. We support your efforts to raise revenues for the Highway Trust Fund through user fees by implementing an electric vehicle registration fee and ensuring all road-users continue to pay into the system. While these provisions will not completely address the shortfalls in the trust fund, it begins the critical work of finding a sustainable funding source for the trust fund. We also encourage Congress to ensure that revenues collected in the new fee are remitted to and remain in the Highway Trust Fund.



NSSGA is concerned about the inclusion of Section 42116, which repeals and rescinds the federal program focused on low-embodied carbon labeling for construction materials. First, NSSGA urges the House of Representatives to keep this program intact by striking subsection (a). Second, to honor the federal government's commitments, NSSGA encourages your office to clarify that grant selectees should be allowed to move forward and sign contracts with the Environmental Protection Agency. These agreements should not be considered unobligated under subsection (b).

We appreciate your leadership and the opportunity to work alongside your team to champion policies that benefit the American people. Should you or your team have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you for considering our position on this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Michele Stanley Interim CEO

National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association