

June 3, 2019

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Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Honorable David Price
Chairman
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Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Lowey, Ranking Member Granger, Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

On behalf of the over 400-members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), I am writing to thank you for your tireless work to draft and advance the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies (T-HUD) Appropriations bill.

Our members – stone, sand and gravel producers and the equipment manufacturers and service providers who support them – are responsible for the essential raw materials found in every home, building, road, bridge and public works project and represent more than 90 percent of the crushed stone and 70 percent of the sand and gravel produced annually in the United States.

Building upon the historic and bipartisan successes of the FY 2019 T-HUD Appropriations bill, NSSGA members are again pleased to see the FY 2020 legislation include robust investments to improve and modernize our roads, bridges, tunnels, transit networks, airports and ports. Specifically, NSSGA applauds your hard work to ensure the necessary resources are provided for the Federal Highway Administration, National Infrastructure Investments (TIGER/BUILD), Airport Improvement Grants, Federal Railroad Administration, Federal Transit Administration and Maritime Administration. This funding will provide a much-needed boost for improvements in our infrastructure system.

However, as you know all too well, the need to repair our existing infrastructure and meet the needs of our communities today and into the future has never been greater. That is why as the Committee and Congress continues to work on this critical legislation, NSSGA strongly supports additional investments for transportation projects that will revitalizing our roads, transit systems and waterways to increase productivity and provide greater economic opportunity.

While we understand more work is needed for both chambers of Congress and the Administration to reach an agreement on overall spending levels for FY 2020, we are encouraged by the rapid work of the Committee to approve legislation that advances our nation's infrastructure priorities.

NSSGA stands ready to continue working with you as the full House of Representatives considers this important bill. We support your ongoing efforts to negotiate a bipartisan agreement that will allow Congress to complete its work and approve the FY 2020 T-HUD Appropriation bill before the start of the new fiscal year.

Thank you for your consideration of our views and your dedication to improving our Nation's infrastructure. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Michele Stanley, NSSGA Vice President of Government and Regulatory affairs at mstanley@nssga.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael W. Johnson
President and CEO
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association

