

July 11, 2019

The Honorable Nita Lowy  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
2365 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1026 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
2207 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Lowy, Ranking Member Granger, Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

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 Labor, Health, and Human Services (LHHS) Appropriations bill which provided increased funding for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

NSSGA is the leading voice and advocate for the aggregates industry, with member companies representing more than 90 percent of the crushed stone and 70 percent of the sand and gravel consumed annually in the United States. Our members are responsible for the essential raw materials found in every home, building, road, bridge and public works project, employing over 100,000 working men and women. Aggregate businesses can be found in every Congressional district and are a trusted resource for all issues related to the aggregate industry.

As you know, NIOSH conducts critical applied research, develops criteria for occupational safety and health standards to protect workers, and provides technical services to government, labor, and industry. NSSGA works closely with NIOSH to enhance worker safety and health in the aggregate industry.

That is why we were pleased to see the FY 2020 LHHS Appropriations bill rejected the President's proposed reduction in funding for NIOSH and provide \$346 million, an increase of \$10 million over FY 2019, to ensure the agency continues to empower employers and workers to create safe and healthy workplaces.

NSSGA appreciates your strong leadership to move this critical legislation through the Committee and full House of Representatives. We look forward to working with you and your

counterparts in the Senate to ensure funding for NIOSH and the entire federal government is signed into law before the start of the new fiscal year.

Thank you for your consideration of our views and your dedication to improving the health and safety of our workers. 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](mailto: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 & Gravel Association