

September 18, 2019

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

On behalf of the over 400-members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), I am writing to express our strong support for the confirmation of Eugene Scalia to be the Secretary of Labor.

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.

Mr. Scalia is an expert in workplace and administrative law, who has the right skills and experience to guide the Department of Labor (DOL) on its critical mission to protect workers, while simultaneously ensuring the Department engages in policies that foster job creation and economic opportunities. Further, we appreciate Mr. Scalia's commitment to addressing the current skills gap facing many of our nation's employers, including aggregates producers, and promoting critical job training programs that ensure American workers have the skills for in-demand jobs.

NSSGA and our member companies are committed to furthering the safety and health of our most precious resource: American workers. We are pleased that Mr. Scalia shares these important values and look forward to working with him to continue promoting safe and healthy working conditions for all the men and women in the aggregates industry.

We appreciate your consideration of our views and thank you for your dedication and tireless work to advance the nomination of Mr. Scalia. 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,



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National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association