

December 18, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Richard Neal
Chairman
House Committee on Ways and Means
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Ranking Member
House Committee on Ways and Means
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy, Chairman Neal and Ranking Member Brady:

On behalf of the over 400-members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada (USMCA). I applaud your leadership to reach consensus and move the USMCA trade agreement which will improve our economy that engages in over \$1.4 trillion in trade with our North American partners.

NSSGA is the leading voice and advocate for the aggregates and industrial sand industries, 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 and found in every Congressional district.

Pro-growth trading policies are important to aggregates and industrial sand producers and the manufacturers and businesses that supply them. That is why we are pleased to support USMCA, which restores predictability to North American trade markets and limits disruptions to the construction equipment supply chain, allowing for more efficient product delivery and reduced costs for equipment purchasers. Further, USMCA will strengthen auto manufacturing supply chain across North American, benefiting materials producers that support this industry and creating more high paying manufacturing jobs in the U.S. and lower prices for U.S. consumers.

By approving USMCA, Congress will level the playing field for our nation, leading to stronger economic growth and creating good-paying jobs that allows for additional investment and development of homes, businesses, roads and all types of infrastructure projects. NSSGA thanks you for your tireless work on advancing this agreement and urges all Members of Congress to vote in favor of H.R. 5430.

Thank you for your consideration of our views and please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Johnson
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