

January 30, 2020

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairwoman
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairwoman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin:

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 nomination of Katharine MacGregor to be the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI).

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.

NSSGA members have a strong working relationship with DOI and its many agencies, and we are pleased to partner with the hardworking men and women at the department to further preserve our heritage, protect our wildlife and advance our natural sciences.

Since joining DOI in 2017, Deputy Assistant Secretary MacGregor has already undertaken numerous roles and is responsible for improving responsible domestic energy and mineral development, combating missing and murdered American Indians and Alaskan Natives, enhancing rural broadband, and executing on other critical priorities. That is why I am pleased to support her and encourage your committee to advance her nomination.

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

Sincerely,



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