

December 7, 2020

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

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

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Republican Leader McCarthy,

On behalf of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), we urge the chamber's passage of the 2020 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) reauthorization bill, scheduled for a floor suspension vote tomorrow.

The 400-member companies NSSGA represents, and the industries who support our aggregate materials, welcome the bi-partisan negotiations that have resulted in the continuation of a two-year reauthorization of critical waterway infrastructure projects. Among other achievements, the package agreed upon sets aside historic levels of Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) chief's reports and feasibility studies, includes Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) provisions that maintain funds are used for appropriate projects, and WRDA 2020 will upgrade various ports and increase dredging levels throughout the country to improve waterway traffic.

NSSGA is a vocal advocate for infrastructure funding. The bill before your chamber is a perfect example of these goals coming together for the benefit of our local and national economy. NSSGA also commends all leadership on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee; in particular, Committee Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves, as well as Water Subcommittee Chairwoman Napolitano and Ranking Member Westermann, and their staffs, for continuing to work on this critical infrastructure bill before Congress adjourns.

We hope the passage and bi-partisan work on WRDA 2020 sets the stage for additional infrastructure efforts in the 117th Congress, as we know the House will be busy drafting a multi-year highway reauthorization bill, addressing the financial insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund and working on the pandemic's impact on the State Departments of Transportation agencies. While these are difficult challenges, as WRDA 2020 has shown, when members come together on solutions for public works investment, we all benefit. NSSGA is eager to continue its support on this infrastructure effort and others in the future.

Thank you again for your consideration and support of WRDA 2020. Please consider NSSGA a resource on waterway infrastructure and other items related to infrastructure policy.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee