

January 21, 2021

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
Chairman of the Senate Committee Commerce,  
Science and Transportation  
511 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roger Wicker  
Ranking Member on the Senate Committee  
Commerce, Science and Transportation  
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cantwell and Ranking Member Wicker,

On behalf of the over 400-member companies of the National Stone, Sand, & Gravel Association (NSSGA), I welcome the Commerce Committee's confirmation hearing for Mayor Pete Buttigieg as the next Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOT). It is reassuring that a pivotal cabinet position as significant as this one is given the consideration and urgency to move through Congress and help the Biden Administration begin the task of leading our Nation's infrastructure and transportation policies.

Mayor Buttigieg brings a wealth of knowledge to DOT from his tenure leading the town of South Bend, Indiana, as well as crafting detailed and thorough infrastructure policies during his recent campaign for President. We welcome his enthusiasm advocating for robust federal support for infrastructure, leverage new public work projects as means to spur job creation and boost our economy as well as creative ideas that maintain and grow necessary revenue streams into the Highway Trust Fund. We support his nomination and look forward to working with his team once confirmed.

NSSGA is the leading advocate and resource for the aggregates industry, who provide the critical raw materials found in virtually every surface transportation project, including roads, highways, bridges, runways, pipelines and much more. Our membership represents more than 90 percent of the crushed stone and 70 percent of the sand and gravel produced annually in the United States. As you know, NSSGA members are the first in a line of many industries within the construction supply chain, providing those materials necessary to advance our Nation's infrastructure network. Various policies at DOT effect our daily operations, such as material research and development, aggregate sustainability and trucking standards and schedules, to name a few. Policies like these directly impact how aggregates are sourced, utilized and transported, which ripples throughout the entire construction supply chain and influences the costs associated to every infrastructure project.

We look forward to working with the Committee, as well as President Biden's administration, on these items and more as we collectively work towards robust and meaningful infrastructure policies. As you continue to work with Nominee Buttigieg and the DOT on various policies, please consider NSSGA as a resource.

Sincerely,



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

cc: Members of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee