

July 16, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson Speaker United States House of Representatives H-232 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson:

On behalf of the over 450 members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), I am writing to express our support for H.R. 8812, the Water Resources and Development Act of 2024. We were pleased to see WRDA 2024 pass on a wide, bipartisan basis and look forward to its swift passage on the House Floor.

NSSGA represents aggregates producers and those who manufacture equipment and services that support the construction industry. Our members are essential to the work of this country, and we represent more than 90 percent of the crushed stone and 70 percent of the sand and gravel produced annually in the United States. Our members employ more than 100,000 hard-working men and women, who are responsible for the essential raw materials found in every home, building, road, port, dam and public works project.

NSSGA supports efforts to improve and invest in all levels of our nation's infrastructure network, including critical navigable waterways that are essential to America's economic competitiveness. We appreciate the committee working together to put forward a bipartisan reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act. The enactment of this two-year legislation will authorize about \$4.8 billion for new Corps construction projects to address the water and wastewater needs of communities across the nation that will improve our supply chains, mitigate flooding and better our communities. The WRDA authorization is a responsible bill, which provides aggregate producers from around the country the certainty needed to supply the worthwhile projects funded by this legislation.

We thank the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for their dedication to advancing WRDA 2024 and call on the entire House of Representatives to move this



legislation. Please consider NSSGA a resource on waterway infrastructure and other items related to infrastructure policy.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Johnson President and CEO

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