

May 19, 2014

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment
and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable David Vitter
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment
and Public Works
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, II
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Boxer, Chairman Shuster, Senator Vitter, and Representative Rahall:

The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) is pleased that the conference committee on water resources legislation has come to an agreement on compromise language for a joint House and Senate *Water Resources Reform and Development Act*. Congratulations on completing work on a truly bipartisan bill that will have a lasting impact on the nation's infrastructure.

Our members are the crushed stone, sand, and gravel operations in almost every congressional district in the country and the principle suppliers of materials that are essential to build and rehabilitate America's aging infrastructure. Aggregates are the basic ingredients used in the construction and maintenance of dams, water and sewage treatment plants, tunnels, and countless other public works projects.

It has been seven years since Congress last passed a water resources bill. With the passage of WRRDA, NSSGA hopes Congress will return to a biannual process for approving water resources development legislation, which authorizes important navigation, flood control, recreation, and environmental protection projects. Fully funding important water infrastructure projects will return dividends to the American people through an increasingly efficient water transportation network, better environmental protection, and increased recreational opportunities.

NSSGA strongly supports the final conference report of the *Water Resources Reform and Development Act* and urges all members of Congress to support this important legislation. Its passage could not come at a better time for America's aging water infrastructure, and I commend you on your success.

Sincerely,



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