



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

March 19, 2024

Subject: H.R. 7023 – The Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act

Dear Members of Congress:

On behalf of the over 400 Members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), we write in support of H.R. 7023, the Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act, ahead of its expected consideration on the House floor. This bill, which is comprised of the text of five standalone bills previously introduced by Members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, namely the Nationwide Permitting Improvement Act, Reducing Permitting Uncertainty Act, Water Quality Criteria Development and Transparency Act, Judicial Review Timeline Clarity Act, and Confidence in Clean Water Permits Act, represent significant steps toward streamlining regulatory procedures and providing greater certainty for businesses in our sector.

NSSGA represents the aggregates and industrial sand industry of our country, with over 9,000 facilities and more than 100,000 employees in high-paying jobs. This industry procures 2.5 billion tons of aggregates annually, which are crucial in sustaining our lifestyle and constructing our nation's infrastructure and communities. The products sourced by this industry are fundamental components required for building roads, airports, transit, rail, ports, clean water and energy networks.

These legislative initiatives collectively address key concerns of our industry, ensuring that essential projects are not hindered by bureaucratic delays or uncertainties. They strike a balance between environmental protection and the need for a more streamlined, predictable regulatory framework.

NSSGA is committed to responsible environmental stewardship and understands the importance of effective and efficient regulatory processes. We believe this legislative package will help achieve these goals and thus strongly support its swift passage.

Thank you for your leadership and attention to these critical issues affecting our industry. We look forward to the positive impacts this bill will have on our members and the broader economy.

Sincerely,

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