

February 22, 2017

Hon. Alexander Acosta  
Labor Secretary-Designee  
c/o Office of Presidential Personnel  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Acosta,

On behalf of the members of the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (NSSGA), congratulations on your nomination to serve as President Trump's Secretary of Labor.

We support your selection given your strong record on the National Labor Relations Board and your impeccable legal experience. NSSGA members operate under the jurisdiction of the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), which is part of the Department of Labor. Perhaps no other entity within the department has a greater need for regulatory reform than MSHA. The agency annually imposes approximately \$12 million in penalty citations on stone, sand and gravel operations even as they have become safer every year.

If confirmed, we strongly request that you undertake efforts to, as President Trump said, "save small businesses from the crushing burdens of unnecessary regulations that are stunting job growth and suppressing wages." We also believe that, like the president, it is critical that the administration "fight to make American workers safer and more prosperous."

We look forward to working with you and wish you the best of luck with the confirmation process.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Johnson  
President & CEO