



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

April 29, 2024

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman, House Transportation and
Infrastructure Committee

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member, House Transportation and
Infrastructure Committee

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair, Senate Commerce, Science, and
Transportation Committee

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Ranking Member, Senate Commerce,
Science, and Transportation Committee

Dear Chairman Graves, Chair Cantwell, Ranking Member Larsen, and Ranking Member Cruz,

On behalf of the over 450 Members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), we write in strong support of The *FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024*. We applaud your efforts to craft this bill in a bipartisan, bicameral manner, and look forward to its swift passage.

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. The aggregates industry produces 100 percent of the material for the airfield pavement foundations; 95 percent of the raw material in asphalt concrete overlays; and 70-85 percent of the cement concrete overlays, making aggregates the number one material used in our aviation infrastructure. As this critical legislation crosses the finish line, our members will waste no time in working alongside the FAA in supplying the raw materials needed to enhance our nation's runways.

The *FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024* supports efforts to improve U.S. runways, taxiways, and associated infrastructure by authorizing a significant increase to the Airport Improvement Program. We also appreciate the authorization for the FAA to carry out a program for the research and development of concrete and asphalt pavement technologies that will extend the life of airfield pavements.

This bipartisan legislation will provide aviation and airport infrastructure policies that not only improve safety but also foster economic development and cater to the increasing demands of the traveling public. NSSGA and our members look forward to rebuilding, revitalizing, and creating infrastructure to ensure the U.S. maintains its top spot as a global leader in the aviation industry.

We thank you for your leadership and tireless work to move this legislation and we support its passage.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Johnson
President & CEO
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