



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

September 2, 2026

The Honorable Jefferson Shreve
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Blake Moore
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Shreve and Representative Moore:

On behalf of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) and our nearly 500 member companies that produce the aggregates that are essential to America's roads, bridges, housing, energy systems and infrastructure, I write in strong support of H.R. 1501, the *Protecting Domestic Mining Act of 2025*.

The bill takes two necessary steps: it amends the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act* (FAST Act) to include mining and mineral processing, as FAST-41 covered projects, and it prevents the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council from finalizing, implementing or enforcing the September 2023 proposed rule that would have narrowed which mining projects qualify for FAST-41 coordinated federal permitting reviews.

Domestic production of aggregates and other minerals is foundational to national security, economic competitiveness and everyday infrastructure. Predictable, timely federal reviews matter. When permitting is delayed or uncertain, projects stall, costs rise and the United States becomes more dependent on foreign sources. FAST-41 does not waive environmental laws. It improves coordination, transparency and accountability among multiple federal government agencies, enabling reviews to be completed more efficiently and predictably.

NSSGA members operate nationwide and remain committed to responsible production. They need regulatory certainty and a permitting system that keeps pace with demand. Your legislation achieves this by locking mining and mineral processing into statute, as FAST-41 covered activities.

We commend you for introducing and advancing this legislation. We urge all members of Congress to support H.R. 1501. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michele Stanley", is written over a light gray horizontal line.

Michele Stanley
President & CEO
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

cc: The Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, Minority Leader

