



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

March 25, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman,

On behalf of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), I write to express our strong support for H.R. 1897, the ESA Amendments Act of 2025. This critical legislation takes necessary steps to modernize the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by prioritizing science-based conservation efforts, improving regulatory transparency and streamlining permitting processes essential to economic growth and infrastructure development.

NSSGA represents over 500 aggregates producers, manufacturers and service providers responsible for the essential raw materials that are the foundation of America's roads, bridges and construction projects. Our industry is committed to responsible environmental stewardship. We believe that effective species conservation and economic progress can and must go hand-in-hand. Unfortunately, the current implementation of the ESA often creates regulatory uncertainty, delays critical infrastructure projects and places unnecessary burdens on businesses and landowners without delivering meaningful conservation benefits.

H.R. 1897 will modernize the ESA to reflect today's challenges and opportunities. We strongly support striking the right balance between protecting at-risk species and ensuring regulatory certainty for industries vital to our nation's economy.

We urge Congress to advance this bill and support reforms that allow infrastructure development to move forward without unnecessary regulatory roadblocks. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. We stand ready to work with you to ensure the passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Stanley", written in a cursive style.

Michele Stanley
Interim CEO

