



November 21, 2025

The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chair  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
2056 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 5437, the “Protection of Lawful Commerce in Stone Slab Products Act.”

Dear Chair Jordan,

On behalf of the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) and our 55,000 members across the country, I am writing to express our members’ support for **H.R. 5437, the “Protection of Lawful Commerce in Stone Slab Products Act.”**

Founded in 1963, NKBA is the world's leading trade association for the kitchen and bath industry. With 55,000 members, including more than 1,200 in Ohio across 284 businesses in all segments of the kitchen and bath design and remodeling industry, the NKBA's mission is to inspire and support the industry through community, events, advocacy, learning and professional certification.

As part of their membership in our organization, we keep our members abreast of legislative updates such as H.R. 5437. Across our membership, their voices are united in support of this bill, and I hope you will heed their perspectives by choosing to support this as Chair of the Judiciary Committee.

This legislation is critical to protecting responsible businesses represented by our association from unfair lawsuits that attempt to hold retailers and suppliers liable for injuries caused by the unsafe handling or alteration of stone slabs by third parties. Our members are proud to be part of the kitchen and bath industry, helping families create safe, beautiful, and functional living spaces and should not be held accountable for the negligent actions of others - especially when they operate in full compliance with safety regulations.

The recent wave of lawsuits—primarily in California—targeting manufacturers and sellers of stone slab products for injuries caused by unsafe fabrication practices is deeply concerning. These cases mostly involve fabrication shops that failed to follow OSHA-mandated safety protocols, such as wet cutting and proper ventilation, which are essential to protecting workers from silica dust exposure. Unfortunately, instead of holding those employers accountable for endangering their workers, these lawsuits attempt to shift the blame to upstream businesses—like retailers and suppliers—that have no control over fabrication practices. This is not only unjust, but it threatens the viability of small businesses across the country.

The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Stone Slab Products Act would provide essential legal protections for retailers, suppliers, and manufacturers who operate responsibly. I urge you to support this initiative and help safeguard thousands of small businesses and jobs in communities across the country.

Thank you for your consideration of our members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Darcy".

Bill Darcy  
Global President & CEO

cc: Ranking Member Rep. Jamie Raskin (MD-08); Rep. Tom McClintock (CA-05); Judiciary Committee Members