



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

July 23, 2024

The Honorable Gary Palmer
Member of Congress
170 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Palmer:

I write on behalf of the over 450 members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) to express our support for your amendment, Palmer #80, to H.R. 8998, the Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025. This amendment, which prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer or enforce the final rule, "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP): Lime Manufacturing Plants Technology Review," would benefit our industry and we urge the House of Representatives to pass it.

NSSGA represents aggregates producers and those who manufacture equipment and services that support the construction industry. Our members are essential to the work of this country, and we represent more than 90 percent of the crushed stone and 70 percent of the sand and gravel produced annually in the United States. Our members employ more than 100,000 hard-working men and women who are responsible for the essential raw materials in every home, building, road, bridge and public works project.

Upon implementation, the Lime NESHAP would have destructive economic consequences for the American lime industry with negligible environmental benefits, imposing significant costs that far exceed any potential benefits to the public. The EPA's regulatory impact analysis (RIA) forecasts that compliance with the Lime NESHAP will impose somewhere between \$2 -- \$2.4 billion in total costs. The EPA determined the Lime NESHAP proposal would have a significant economic impact on small businesses and put some facilities at risk of shutting down. Yet the EPA is still moving forward with this final rule.

We applaud your leadership on this issue by introducing this amendment and urge all of Congress to adopt it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Johnson", written over a light grey background.

Michael W. Johnson
President & CEO
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

