



NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on
Environment & Public Works
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on
Environment & Public Works
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

On behalf of the over 500 members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, I strongly support S. 4235, the Fiscally Responsible Highway Funding Act of 2024. This bipartisan legislation will provide funding certainty for state departments of transportation and help facilitate the construction of our nation's surface transportation network. We applaud your leadership in introducing this bill and supporting its passage through Congress.

NSSGA represents the aggregates and industrial sand industry, with over 9,500 facilities and more than 100,000 employees in high-paying jobs. This industry procures 2.5 billion tons of aggregates annually, which are crucial in sustaining our lifestyle and constructing our nation's infrastructure and communities. Our members source products that are fundamental components required for building roads, airports, transit, rail, ports, clean water, and energy networks.

This bill would immediately redistribute \$1.8 billion of excess contract authority from the TIFIA program to the states via formula. Further, for FY 2025 and 2026, the bill requires the Secretary to estimate the amount of that fiscal year's \$250 million in TIFIA contract authority that is expected to remain unobligated and then distribute 75% of the amount expected to remain unobligated to the states via formula. Reallocating unused TIFIA funds is not only a fiscally responsible measure to take; it also provides states more autonomy to meet the growing needs of their transportation system. It will foster economic development by rebuilding, revitalizing, and creating infrastructure nationwide.

As S. 4235 makes its way through Congress, the aggregates industry is fully prepared to provide the raw materials needed to successfully execute multiple construction projects across the country. We look forward to helping revitalize our nation's surface transportation infrastructure and urge the swift passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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

Michele Stanley
Executive Vice President & Chief Advocacy Officer
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

