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January 14, 2025

The Honorable Mike Lee
Chair
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
U.S. Senate
363 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Martin Heinrich
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources U.S.
Senate
709 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Lee and Heinrich,

As the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources prepares to vote on former Governor Doug Burgum's nomination, as Secretary of the Interior, the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) would like to express our unwavering support for his confirmation.

As a distinguished governor, Mr. Burgum understands how energy and environmental policy impact different regions of the country. Under his leadership, North Dakota is a leader in innovation, creating an economic boom for the energy, agriculture and technology sectors. His understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the aggregates industry will enable him to effectively address the most pressing issues facing our nation's critical infrastructure and supply chain. His vision for the Department of the Interior aligns with our goals. Environmental laws and regulations should be based on sound scientific, engineering and medical research on established scientific, engineering and medical principles.

NSSGA represents stone, sand and gravel producers who are responsible for the essential raw materials found in every building, road, bridge and public works project. NSSGA looks forward to working with a Secretary of the Interior who understands the harmful repercussions of overregulation. NSSGA members believe that wise environmental stewardship is good business. Aggregates operations around the country recognize that the Earth's resources, upon which all life depends, are finite. Wise environmental stewardship is necessary today to preserve the potential for a quality life for future generations.

We respectfully urge you to confirm Doug Burgum as the next Secretary of the Interior. Thank you for considering our position. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michele Stanley
Interim CEO
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

