August 15, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band
WT Docket No. 02-55

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 7, 2002, seven Public Safety Organizations, the Private Wireless Coalition and Nextel Communications, Inc. (Joint Commenters) submitted Reply Comments (Reply) to the Commission in the above-referenced proceeding.[1] The Reply provided the Commission with a consensus solution to the CMRS—public safety interference problem at 800 MHz that was supported by approximately 80% of the affected licensees in the band. Today, National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (NSSGA) joins the list of signatories to the Reply, providing additional support to the Consensus Plan.

NSSGA and the Joint Commenters look forward to working with the Commission to implement an effective and equitable solution to the 800 MHz CMRS—public safety interference problem. If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact either of the two parties below.

Sincerely,

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[1] *See, Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band and Consolidating the 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels*, Notice of Proposed Rule Making, WT Docket No. 02-55 (rel. Mar. 15, 2002).