

The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association—Which Has Multiple Ties To The Trump Administration And Is Led By Several Conservative Operatives—Gave \$110,500 To The Sedition Caucus

SUMMARY: The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) donated \$110,500 to the infamous Sedition Caucus despite its [recognition of](#) President Biden's election victory and its statement that "[America works best when Americans vote.](#)"

Notably, the NSSGA had several prominent ties with the Trump administration. This includes an "[industry-friendly](#)" mine safety rule rollback the group asked for and received, a [2017 convention keynote](#) by [close Trump ally](#) Corey Lewandowski, and the group's [high praise](#) for Scott Pruitt—Trump's [disgraced](#) Environmental Protection Agency head.

Lastly, NSSGA's Sedition Caucus donations may have also been influenced by the fact that its leadership is rife with conservative operatives and supporters. The most notable of these figures are:

- NSSGA's Vice President of Communications [Chuck Fuqua](#) was the [Deputy Director of Public Affairs](#) for the U.S. Department of Commerce under President George W. Bush, several [Republican National Conventions](#), and multiple Republican [members of Congress](#). While at the Bush Commerce Department, Fuqua was subject to a Congressional inquiry for [muzzling climate scientists](#).
- NSSGA's Director of Political Advocacy [Laura Henry](#) was the [State Finance Director](#) for the campaign of Republican [Senator Conrad Burns \(R-MT\)](#), who invited lobbyists to an auction of "[slaves](#)" shortly after the passage of the Civil Rights Act Of 1991.
- NSSGA's Vice President of Membership & Events [Jennifer Dugas](#) was the [Managing Director of Corporate Programs](#) at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, [which faced](#) controversy over its "[fierce opposition](#)" to major federal voting rights reform legislation in 2021.

NSSGA Has Given \$110,500 To Sedition Caucus Who Tried To Overturn The 2020 Election Despite Recognizing Biden's Election Victory, Stating That "America Works Best When Americans Vote," And Providing Voter Resources And Information.

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The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) Has Given \$110,500 To The Sedition Caucus, As Of December 22, 2021. [Accountable.US Corporate Donations Tracker, Accessed [12/22/21](#)]

PAC	Member Of Congress	Amount	Date
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Steve Scalise (LA-01)	\$5,000	3/23/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Rob Wittman (VA-01)	\$5,000	6/2/21

National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Elise Stefanik (NY-21)	\$5,000	9/19/21; 6/28/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Sam Graves (MO-06)	\$5,000	3/23/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Troy Nehls (TX-22)	\$5,000	6/28/21; 6/2/21; 3/23/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25)	\$5,000	6/2/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. David Rouzer (NC-07)	\$5,000	9/14/21; 6/28/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. William Timmons (SC-04)	\$3,500	6/28/21; 3/23/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11)	\$3,500	6/28/21; 3/23/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Jason Smith (MO-08)	\$3,500	6/2/21; 3/23/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Tom Rice (SC-07)	\$3,000	6/2/21; 3/29/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Ron Estes (KS-04)	\$3,000	9/17/21; 6/2/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Jeff Duncan (SC-03)	\$3,000	3/23/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Jim Banks (IN-03)	\$2,500	5/4/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Glenn Thompson (PA-15)	\$2,500	9/19/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Bob Gibbs (OH-07)	\$2,500	6/28/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Bill Johnson (OH-06)	\$2,500	9/18/21; 3/30/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Markwayne Mullin (OK-02)	\$2,500	6/2/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Tim Burchett (TN-02)	\$2,500	3/24/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Mike Bost (IL-12)	\$2,500	9/19/21; 6/30/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Garret Graves (LA-06)	\$2,500	9/19/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Jacob LaTurner (KS-02)	\$2,500	6/28/21; 3/23/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Kevin Hern (OK-01)	\$2,000	9/18/21; 3/30/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Mike Kelly (PA-16)	\$2,000	6/2/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. John Rutherford (FL-04)	\$2,000	6/28/21; 6/2/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Daniel Meuser (PA-09)	\$2,000	9/19/21; 6/2/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Jerry Carl (AL-01)	\$2,000	9/19/21; 6/2/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO-05)	\$1,500	6/28/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Ronny Jackson (TX-13)	\$1,500	6/28/21

National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Beth Van Duyne (TX-24)	\$1,500	9/20/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Dan Bishop (NC-09)	\$1,500	9/19/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Carol Miller (WV-03)	\$1,500	9/19/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Richard Hudson (NC-08)	\$1,000	9/19/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Gregory Murphy (NC-03)	\$1,000	6/28/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Carlos Gimenez (FL-26)	\$1,000	6/28/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Byron Donalds (FL-19)	\$1,000	9/19/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. John Carter (TX-31)	\$1,000	9/18/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Jay Obernolte (CA-08)	\$1,000	6/28/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Cliff Bentz (OR-02)	\$1,000	6/28/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Lisa McClain (MI-10)	\$1,000	9/17/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Mike Rogers (AL-03)	\$1,000	9/19/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Kat Cammack (FL-03)	\$1,000	9/19/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Chris Stewart (UT-02)	\$1,000	6/2/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Chris Jacobs (NY-27)	\$1,000	9/16/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	\$1,000	6/2/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Greg Pence (IN-06)	\$1,000	6/2/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Jefferson Van Drew (NJ-02)	\$1,000	6/28/21
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association ROCKPAC	Rep. Michael Guest (MS-03)	\$1,000	9/14/21
Total:		\$110,500	

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NSSGA's President And CEO Michael Johnson Recognized President Biden's Victory And Claimed The Group Looks "Forward To Working With The Biden Administration And The 117th Congress." "The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association's President and CEO Michael Johnson issued the following statement on the outcome of the 2020 elections: 'NSSGA commends a record number of citizens for exercising their right to vote and congratulates the winners of this historic election. The strength of ROCKPAC and the active engagement of our members in the political process served to position NSSGA well to continue to advocate for the aggregates industry regardless of the results of the election. We look forward to working with the Biden Administration and the 117th Congress. We are excited about the potential for infrastructure

investment. We will be encouraging President-elect Biden to bring stakeholders to the table to finally realize meaningful infrastructure funding. We will also continue to fight for reasonable regulation based upon sound science.” [National Stone, Sand, & Gravel Association, accessed [11/10/20](#)]

Johnson Also Said The NSSGA "Commends A Record Number Of Citizens For Exercising Their Right To Vote" In The 2020 Election. "NSSGA commends a record number of citizens for exercising their right to vote and congratulates the winners of this historic election." [National Stone, Sand, & Gravel Association, accessed [11/10/20](#)]

NSSGA States That "America Works Best When Americans Vote" And "It Is Imperative To Exercise Your Right" As It Encourages Participation In Elections And Provides Voter Resources.

NSSGA States, "America Works Best When Americans Vote, Which Is Why It Is Imperative To Exercise Your Right By Registering To Vote And Making Your Voice Heard On Election Day." "NSSGA Helping You Get out the Vote [...] America works best when Americans vote, which is why it is imperative to exercise your right by registering to vote and making your voice heard on Election Day." [National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, accessed [12/03/21](#)]

NSSGA Says "Voting Is Every US Citizen's Privilege" As It Provides Voting Information And Resources, Adding "Make Sure You Get Out And Make Your Voice Heard On Or Before Election Day!" "Voting is every US citizen's privilege and it provides an opportunity for you to help shape our country. Make sure you're prepared to cast your vote by exploring voting information and resources below. Review important election dates and deadlines, find out which candidates will be on your ballot, and learn more about upcoming elections. Once you've taken the time to educate yourself, make sure you get out and make your voice heard on or before Election Day!" [National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, accessed [12/03/21](#)]

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The NSSGA's Ties To The Trump Administration Include Receiving An "Industry-Friendly" Mine Safety Rule Rollback, Featuring Close Trump Ally Corey Lewandowski At Its 2017 Convention, And Praising Trump's Environmental Protection Agency Head Scott Pruitt—Who Resigned Amid "Numerous Ethics Investigations."

The Trump Administration Made "Industry-Friendly Changes" To An Obama-Era Mine Safety Rule Following NSSGA's "Vocal" Opposition, Heavy Lobbying, And Complaints To Trump Labor Secretary Alex Acosta.

NSSGA Was "One Of The Most Vocal Opponents" Of An Obama-Era Mine Safety Inspection Rule That The Trump Administration Had Begun Rolling Back Along With Other Mine Regulations. "But the Trump

administration is also taking steps to delay, modify and roll back Obama-era safety measures intended to protect mine workers. [...] Industry groups have welcomed the delays under Trump and proposed their own modifications to the mine inspection rule, having spent years battling the Obama administration on the issue. The National Sand, Stone and Gravel Association (NSSGA) — one of the most vocal opponents of the regulation — said it 'risks creating a paperwork nightmare and pulls the focus away from actually improving safety,' said spokesman Bailey Wood, claiming that the rule would cost small operators up to \$25 million a year to comply." [NBC News, [11/15/17](#)]

In June 2017, NSSGA Complained About The Mine Rule To Trump Labor Secretary Alex Acosta As It Was Spending Heavily On Lobbying. "In June, the group detailed its complaints about the inspection rule in a meeting with Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta, describing it as vague and burdensome and the kind of 'regulatory overreach' that Trump had vowed to eliminate. 'We let Secretary Acosta know that our industry wholeheartedly supports advancing President Trump's ambitious agenda,' said Laura O'Neill Kaumo, a NSSGA lobbyist." [NBC News, [11/15/17](#)]

- **January 2017-September 2017: NSSGA Spent \$300,000 To Lobby Against The Mine Inspection Rule And Other Policies.** "The trade group has spent \$300,000 to lobby against the inspection rule and other policy issues from January through September, according to disclosure reports." [NBC News, [11/15/17](#)]

A Few Months Later, The Administration Unveiled "Industry-Friendly Changes To The Rule," And NSSGA And Its Allies Put A Hold On A Lawsuit They Filed Against The Obama Administration's Version Of The Rule. few months later, the Trump administration unveiled its industry-friendly changes to the rule and a delay of its effective date. 'It appears that MSHA is willing to listen to the industry,' O'Neill Kaumo said after the announcement. NSSGA, together with other major industry groups, subsequently decided to put its lawsuit against Obama's version of the rule on hold." [NBC News, [11/15/17](#)]

NSSGA Featured Corey Lewandowski, "One Of Trump's Closest And Most Loyal Advisers," At Its 2017 Annual Convention.

March 2017: NSSGA Featured Former Trump Campaign Manager Corey Lewandowski As The Keynote Speaker At its Annual Convention. "In March, NSSGA featured Corey Lewandowski, Trump's former campaign manager, as the keynote speaker at its annual convention." [NBC News, [11/15/17](#)]

Lewandowski Has Been "One Of Trump's Closest And Most Loyal Advisers," Managing His 2016 Campaign, Serving As A White House Adviser, And Continued Advising Trump After He Left Office. "Lewandowski, who did not respond to multiple requests for comment, has positioned himself as one of Trump's closest and most loyal advisers — a role he has leveraged to gain access to top Republican donors and claim influence over the direction of the Republican Party. He was Trump's first presidential campaign manager in 2016, advised him during the presidency and now is part of the circle of aides advising the former president. His duties included steering a pro-Trump super PAC until Wednesday, when Trump spokesperson Taylor Budowich tweeted after the publication of this article that "Trump World" had severed its association with Lewandowski." [Politico, [09/29/21](#)]

NSSGA's President And CEO "Welcomed" And Praised Trump's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Nominee Scott Pruitt, The "Architect" Of "Aggressive" Deregulation Who Later Resigned Amid "Numerous Ethics Investigations That Doomed His Tenure."

January 2017: NSSGA's President And CEO Michael W. Johnson "Welcomed" Trump Environmental Protection Agency Nominee Scott Pruitt. "National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association president, Michael W Johnson has welcomed president Trump's pick of Scott Pruitt to head the Environmental Protection Agency." [AggregateResearch.Com, [01/20/17](#)]

- **Michael W. Johnson Was Still NSSGA's President And CEO, As of December 3, 2021.**
[National Stone, Sand, & Gravel, Association, accessed [12/03/21](#)]

Johnson Praised Pruitt For Having "Defended The Rights Of States To Combat Overreaching Federal Regulations." "Pruitt has defended the rights of states to combat overreaching federal regulations in his opposition to the Wotus rule and the EPA's Clean Power Plan. Not only Oklahoma, but more than half of the states are working with businesses and associations to combat the rule.' 'It is our belief that Pruitt would work with the aggregates industry to safeguard our natural resources as quarries and aggregates businesses produce the raw materials needed for our country to invest in our aging infrastructure.'" [AggregateResearch.Com, [01/20/17](#)]

July 2018: Scott Pruitt, Who Was The "Architect" Of Trump's "Aggressive" Environmental Deregulatory Agenda, Resigned Amid "Numerous Ethics Investigations That Doomed His Tenure." "Scott Pruitt, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and architect of President Trump's aggressive effort to rewrite the government's rule book on environmental regulations, resigned on Thursday in the face of numerous ethics investigations that doomed his tenure." [The New York Times, [07/05/18](#)]

Pruitt Faced Controversy Over "Alleged Spending Abuses, First-Class Travel And Cozy Relationships With Lobbyists." "Mr. Pruitt had been hailed by conservatives for his zealous deregulation, but he could not overcome a spate of questions about his alleged spending abuses, first-class travel and cozy relationships with lobbyists." [The New York Times, [07/05/18](#)]

NSSGA's Leadership Has Multiple Career Republican And Conservative Operatives Who've Worked For George W. Bush, The Republican National Convention, Multiple Republican Members Of Congress, And The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce.

NSSGA's Vice President Of Communications Chuck Fuqua Has Held Senior Roles In Four Republican National Conventions And Was A Senior Official In George W. Bush's Commerce Department, Where He Was Subject To A Congressional Probe For Muzzling Scientists From Speaking About Climate Change.

Chuck Fuqua Is NSSGA's Vice President Of Communications. [National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, Staff, accessed [12/2/21](#)]



Chuck Fuqua

Vice President, Communications

[National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, Staff, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

2004-2008: Fuqua Was The Deputy Director Of Public Affairs For The U.S. Department of Commerce During The George W. Bush Administration—Where He Was Subject To A Congressional Inquiry After Appearing To Only Allow Climate Skeptics To Speak To The Media. [LinkedIn, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

- **George W. Bush Was President At The Time.** “George W. Bush, America’s 43rd President (2001-2009), was transformed into a wartime President in the aftermath of the airborne terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, facing the ‘greatest challenge of any President since Abraham Lincoln.’” [White House, accessed [12/2/21](#)]
- **2006: Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) Demanded Answers From The Commerce Department About Emails Suggesting That Chuck Fuqua Was Only Allowing Climate-Skeptical Scientists To Speak To The Media.** "Today, I wrote to Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez about some internal emails I have obtained. The emails are interesting because they show that a press officer working for Secretary Gutierrez appeared to be making decisions about what scientific views were appropriate to share with the public and what scientific views weren't. The email exchange took place just after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita when there was great public interest in the connections between global warming and hurricanes. The emails suggest that Commerce press secretary Chuck Fuqua, who also happened to be the Director of Media Operations of the 2004 Republican National Convention, ensured that only those scientists that were skeptical of the connection would be provided to the media." [The Hill, [09/19/06](#)]
- **April 2021: NSSGA Issued A Report On Greenhouse Gases Declaring That "The Aggregates Industry Is Committed To Taking All Reasonable Steps To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions."** "The aggregates industry is committed to taking all reasonable steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to capture CO2 while supplying essential materials." [The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, [04/26/21](#)]

2004: Fuqua Was The Director Of Media Operations For The 2004 Republican National Convention. [LinkedIn, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

2002-2003: Fuqua Was A Public Affairs Specialist For The U.S. Department Of Commerce During The George W. Bush Administration. [LinkedIn, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

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1999-2000: Fuqua Was Director Of Media Logistics For The 2000 Republican National Convention. [LinkedIn, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

1996: Fuqua Was The Media Operations Coordinator For The 1996 Republican National Convention. [LinkedIn, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

1988: Fuqua Was The Assistant To The Convention Manager At The Republican National Convention. [LinkedIn, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

NSSGA's Vice President Of Government And Regulatory Affairs Michele Stanley Worked For Former Republican Congressmen Peter King (R-NY) And Jim Nussle (R-IA).

Michelle Stanley Is NSSGA's Vice President Of Government And Regulatory Affairs. [National Stone, Sand, & Gravel, Association, Staff, accessed [12/2/21](#)]



Michele Stanley

Vice President, Government & Regulatory
Affairs

[National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, Staff, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

2004-2013: Stanley Was A Legislative Assistant/Scheduler For Republican Rep. Peter King (R-NY). [LinkedIn, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

- **King Was A Republican Member Of Congress.** “Representative Peter T. King, the longest-serving Republican in New York’s congressional delegation, said on Monday that he would retire, joining a growing exodus of Republicans from Congress ahead of the 2020 elections.” [New York Times, [11/1/19](#)]

2004-2006: Stanley Was A Scheduler For Rep. Jim Nussle (R-IA). According to her LinkedIn, Stanley was the Scheduler for Congressman Jim Nussle. [LinkedIn, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

- **Nussle Was A Republican Member Of Congress.** “Nussle served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1991-2007 as a Republican representative from the State of Iowa. From 2001-2006, he served as chairman of the House Budget Committee, a key panel that oversees the federal budget process, including review of all bills and resolutions on the budget. In addition he was a member of the House leadership and served on the Banking and Ways and Means Committees.” [Credit Union National Association, Jim Nussle, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

NSSGA Director Government Affairs Austin Bone Was A Longtime Staffer For Former Republican Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ).

Austin Bone Is A NSSGA's Director Of Government Affairs. [National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, Staff, accessed [12/2/21](#)]



Austin Bone

Director, Government Affairs

[National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, Staff, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

2017-2019- Bone Was The Legislative Director For Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ). [Legistorm, Austin Bone, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2015-2017: Bone Was A Senior Legislative Assistant For Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen. [Legistorm, Austin Bone, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2013-2015: Bone Was A Legislative Assistant For Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen. [Legistorm, Austin Bone, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2012-2013: Bone Was The Scheduler/Legislative Correspondent For Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen. [Legistorm, Austin Bone, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2012: Bone Was The Scheduler For Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen. According to Legistorm, Bone was the Legislative Correspondent to Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen. [Legistorm, Austin Bone, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2011-2012: Bone Was A Staff Assistant For Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen. [Legistorm, Austin Bone, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

Frelinghuysen Is A Former Republican Member Of Congress. “United States Representative Rodney Frelinghuysen, a Republican from New Jersey who is chairman of the powerful appropriations committee, delivered another blow to Republican efforts to hold onto the House in 2018 on Monday after he announced that he would not seek re-election. With Mr. Frelinghuysen’s decision to retire at the end of his term, which party leaders for months had feared was a possibility, he became the latest prominent Republican to head for the exits this year ahead of what party strategists worry could be a brutal fall election. Among those are eight who lead some of the House’s most powerful committees.” [New York Times, [1/29/18](#)]

Employment History
• National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (April 2019-) <i>Government Affairs Director</i>
• Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) (Jan. 2017-Jan. 2019) <i>Legislative Director</i>
• Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) (June 2015-Jan. 2017) <i>Senior Legislative Assistant</i>
• Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) (July 2013-May 2015) <i>Legislative Assistant</i>
• Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) (Aug. 2012-June 2013) <i>Scheduler/Legislative Correspondent</i>
• Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) (Jan. 2012-July 2012) <i>Scheduler</i>
• Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) (June 2011-Jan. 2012) <i>Staff Assistant</i>

[Legistorm, Austin Bone, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

NSSGA's Director Of Government Affairs Nile Elam Interned For Republican Congresspeople Kay Granger (R-TX) And Paul Gosar (R-AZ).

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Director, Government Affairs

[National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, Staff, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

2009: Elam Interned For Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX). [Legistorm, Nile Elam, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

- **Granger Is A Republican Member Of Congress.** [Texas Tribune, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

Elam Interned For Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ). [Legistorm, Nile Elam, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

NSSGA's Director Of Political Advocacy Laura Henry Was The State Finance Director For Former Republican Senator Conrad Burns' (R-MT) Campaign, Who After The Passage Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1991 Invited A Group Of Lobbyists To An Auction Of "Slaves."

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Laura Henry

Director, Political Advocacy

[National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, Staff, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

2006: Henry Was The State Finance Director For Senator Conrad Burns' (R-MT) Campaign. [LinkedIn, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

- **Burns Was The Former Republican Senator From Montana.** “Conrad Burns, a former Montana livestock auctioneer who was catapulted from county commissioner to the United States Senate, where he was known for speaking plainly and for sometimes making derogatory remarks, died on Thursday at his home in Billings, Mont. He was 81. [...] He went to the Senate after serving just two years as a commissioner in Yellowstone County, defeating an incumbent Democratic senator, John Melcher, in 1988. In 1994, Mr. Burns became the first Republican senator in Montana history to be re-elected.” [New York Times, [5/1/16](#)]

Burns Held An Auction Of "Slaves" For A Group Of Lobbyists After The Passage Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1991—Burns Claimed It Was A Charitable Auction For People To Do Chores. "Shortly after the Civil Rights Act of 1991 was passed, Mr. Burns invited a group of lobbyists to an auction of 'slaves.' He said later that he was talking about a charitable auction in which people agree to do chores." [New York Times, [5/1/16](#)]

NSSGA's Vice President Of Membership & Events Jennifer Dugas Was The Managing Director Of Corporate Programs At The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, Which Was Known For Its "Fierce Opposition" To Major Federal Voting Rights Reform Legislation In 2021.

Jennifer Dugas Is NSSGA's Vice President Of Membership And Events. [National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, Staff, accessed [12/2/21](#)]



Jen Dugas

Vice President, Membership & Events

[National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, Staff, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

2017: Dugas Was The Managing Director Of Corporate Programs At The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce. According to LinkedIn, Dugas was the Managing Director, Corporate Programs at The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce. [LinkedIn, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

April 2021: The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Faced Controversy Over Its "Fierce Opposition" To The "Sweeping Voting Bill Known As The For The People Act," Which Would Have Countered Voting Restrictions That Were Advancing In Georgia And Other States. "Progressive activists are calling on Ford, Target, Google, Bank of America and other major companies that have pledged to support voting rights to cut ties with the US Chamber of Commerce, CNN Business has learned. At issue is the Chamber of Commerce's fierce opposition to the Democrats' sweeping voting bill known as the For the People Act, which [advocates say would counter efforts](#) by Georgia and other states to impose new voting restrictions." [CNN, [04/21/21](#)]

The NSSGA Claims The Group Is "Committed" To Rebuilding National Infrastructure, Yet Its Sedition Caucus Contributions Went To Members Who Tried To Reinstate Trump, Who "Repeatedly Promised But Never Could Pull Off" Infrastructure.

Despite Its Contributions To Sedition Caucus Members Who Tried To Reinstate Trump, NSSGA's Vision Statement Claims The Group Is "Committed" To Rebuilding The Nation's Infrastructure, Which Trump "Repeatedly Promised But Never Could Pull Off."

NSSGA Vision Statement Claims The Group Is "Committed To Rebuilding The Nation's Aging Infrastructure To Ensure America's Economic Prosperity And Global Competitiveness." "Our vision is a favorable public policy environment that fosters business growth for the aggregates and construction materials industries. We are committed to rebuilding the nation's aging infrastructure to ensure America's economic prosperity and global competitiveness in the 21st century and beyond." [National Stone, Sand, & Gravel, Association, accessed [12/2/21](#)]

Trump "Repeatedly Promised But Never Could Pull Off" A Major Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal, Which President Biden Was Able To Accomplish. "For now, though, Mr. Biden has managed to do what Mr. Trump repeatedly promised but never could pull off: move forward on a big-spending, bipartisan deal to rebuild American roads, bridges, water pipes and more. He did so with the support of 17 Republicans during a week marked by bitter partisan disputes in Congress over mask-wearing and the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol." [The New York Times, [07/29/21](#)]

- **Trump Had Promised A Large Infrastructure Package Since His 2016 Candidacy And Later "Talked It Up Often As President."** "As a candidate in 2016, Mr. Trump had promised to push a large infrastructure bill — larger, he claimed, than his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton. He doubled down on that promise as president-elect and talked it up often as president. But he never came close to delivering on it, and 'Infrastructure Week' became a running joke in Washington, encapsulating the Trump administration's penchant for veering off message and how a goal both parties ostensibly agreed upon could never seem to be reached." [The New York Times, [07/29/21](#)]