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Tennessee River Valley Association

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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Bob Gibbs
Chairman
Subcommittee on Water Resources
and Environment
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515


The Honorable Grace Napolitano
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Water Resources and
Environment
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Shuster, Ranking Member DeFazio, Chairman Gibbs, and Ranking Member Napolitano:

The members of the Tennessee River Valley Association and its Tennessee-Cumberland Waterways Council (TRVA-TCWC) would like to thank you for your commitment to the nation's water resources infrastructure and for your leadership in advancing the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016, included in the bicameral negotiated Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act.

The Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers perform as critical components of our nation's 12,000 mile inland waterways transportation system. Directly affecting 38 states, the inland waterways are tasked with transporting the nation's bulk commodities that drive American competitiveness in the most energy-efficient and environmentally friendly manner. In 2014, 604 million tons of commodities valued at \$232 billion transited our waterways, supporting 541,000 American jobs.

Recognizing that the WIIN Act invests in American competitiveness by addressing our port, waterway, flood protection, and other water resources infrastructure across the country, TRVA-TCWC fully supports its passage with its included WRDA 2016.

Sincerely,


Cline Jones
Executive Director