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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Bill Shuster
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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
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Dear Chairmen Inhofe and Shuster, and Ranking Members Boxer and DeFazio:

The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) thanks you for completing the conference on S. 612, the *Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act*,” (WIIN Act). The WIIN Act provides a much-needed path forward to keep America’s economy competitive through its reauthorization of the Army Corps of Engineers’ (Army Corps) Civil Works programs related to navigation, flood risk management, recreation, infrastructure and environmental stewardship. NRMCA strongly supports passage of this bill.

NRMCA was founded on December 26, 1930, and today represents more than 2,000 member companies and subsidiaries that employ more than 125,000 American workers who manufacture and deliver ready mixed concrete. The Association represents both national and multinational companies that operate in every congressional district in the United States. The industry is currently estimated to include more than 68,000 ready mixed concrete trucks.

The ready mixed concrete industry plays a vital part in our nation’s prosperity and international competitiveness. Without the ready mixed concrete many of the projects the WIIN Act authorizes would not be possible. The WIIN Act provides the nation with a much needed vehicle for economic growth and an opportunity to build the necessary infrastructure for the 21st century. It also offers an opportunity to lay the foundation for a built environment that will withstand future natural disasters. We are especially supportive of Section 1173 which will study the performance of innovative materials carried out in Army Corps projects.

This bill will help ensure the Army Corps’ ability to effectively expedite projects, prioritize investments, provide resilience, protect communities and maintain our nation’s waterways, ports, channels, dams and levees. Finally, the WIIN Act will help create American jobs and ensure long-term economic productivity and quality of life enhancements that will result from water resources infrastructure investments.

Thank you so much for your hard work on this critical legislation, and we encourage the House and Senate pass the WIIN Act before the end of the 114th Congress.

Sincerely,

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