

Dear Ms. Spivey,

We are in full support of The Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

The Arkansas Waterways Commission is the sole state agency responsible for developing, promoting and protecting waterborne transportation in Arkansas. The Commission also promotes economic development for ports on the five commercially navigable rivers of the state: The Arkansas, Mississippi, Ouachita, Red, and White Rivers.

We appreciate the Conference Committee's efforts in creating a WRRDA bill that will make inland waterways stronger and create a system that will keep America competitive in our global economy.

We urge swift passage in the Senate and look forward to seeing this new bill become law as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
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