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Dear Representative:

The 29 national associations and construction trade unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition ("TCC") urge you to vote YES on The Water Resources Reform & Development Act of 2014 ("WRRDA"). This legislation is long overdue and will not only help set priorities for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps"), but it will also facilitate completion of existing Corps projects. It is a bill that impacts every state in the country and it should receive overwhelmingly bipartisan support when it is considered in the House.

WRRDA will help America more quickly realize the benefits of water resources projects in a fiscally responsible manner. Under this bill, the project selection process will authorize congressionally-selected, high-priority project investments while deauthorizing non-priority projects, which allows the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to better focus on its mission of modernizing our nation's aging navigational system of inland waterways, coastal harbors and ports, locks and dams, and flood control protections and helping restore critical environmental areas of our country. The WRRDA bill will help make long- desired, critical water resources infrastructure projects a reality by providing direction for the Corps and allowing the entities who work for the Corps to make long- term decisions about hiring, recruiting, training and investing in capital equipment.

The benefit of adequately investing in America's water resources infrastructure speaks for itself. In 2010, our inland waterway system carried over 556 million tons of freight valued at more than \$180 billion. The average cost savings of \$11 per ton compared with other modes of transportation means the efficiency of waterway transportation saved the nation \$6.2 billion in transportation costs in 2010 alone. Investments in flood control projects have prevented an estimated \$22.3 billion in average annual damages from coastal and river-line flooding. These projects have prevented an estimated \$706 billion in flood damages and saved countless lives in the last 25 years.

This WRRDA bill will help remove barriers to realizing the benefits of water resources projects. Its passage is the final step in what has been a truly bipartisan and bicameral effort. As such, we urge you to vote YES on WRRDA Conference Report

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition