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

The Honorable Peter 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 & Environment
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment
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Dear Chairmen Shuster and Gibbs and Ranking Members DeFazio and Napolitano:

Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) thanks you for your leadership and commitment to the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) which has been included in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act. Returning this legislation to a biennial process demonstrates your commitment to our inland waterways system which is a critical component of our nation's transportation network.

America's inland waterways system includes 12,000 miles of commercially operated and maintained navigable channels that directly affect 38 states. The inland waterways system is tasked with transporting the nation's bulk commodities that keep America competitive in the most energy-efficient and environmentally friendly way. In 2014, 604 million tons of commodities valued at \$232 billion transited the waterways, supporting 541,000 American jobs.

Inland waterways transportation has an impact on the daily lives of many in our country. ADM utilizes this network to transport the crops that our farmer customers produce and to move many other products—from road salt to fertilizer to metal—that our customers utilize in their regular operations. Passing this legislation is critical to ensuring waterways keep America competitive. ADM offers its full support and urges final approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Boerm", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Boerm
President
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