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The Honorable Bill Shuster
U.S. House Committee on Transportation Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nick Rahall
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member Rahall,

The Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) strongly supports the Conference Report to H.R. 3080, The Water Resources Reform and Development Act 2013 (WRRDA).

WRRDA reforms how the federal government funds and selects critical water infrastructure projects throughout the nation, and enhances U.S. manufacturers and agricultural producers' global competitiveness by improving the movement of goods through America's waterways. It is a fiscally responsible approach to accelerating project delivery and streamlining the permitting process for constructing water infrastructure projects. The bill deauthorizes \$18 billion of old inactive projects authorized prior to 2007 and uses the funds to authorize new projects that contain sunset provisions to prevent future project backlogs while insuring that new projects do not contain duplicative or unnecessary studies that require concurrent reviews.

AEM is the U.S.-based international trade group serving the off-road equipment manufacturing industry. Our members number more than 900 companies that manufacture equipment, products and services used worldwide in the agriculture, construction, forestry, mining and utility fields. Collectively our member companies employ hundreds of thousands of workers and produce some of the world's most innovative products and services.

AEM fully supports WRRDA and applauds the strong bipartisan effort in strengthening America's water infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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