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The Honorable David Vitter
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The Honorable Nick J. Rahall II
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Dear Chairwoman Boxer, Chairman Shuster, and Ranking Members Vitter and Rahall:

The undersigned organizations congratulate you on completing the conference of S. 601, the *Water Resources Development Act of 2013 (WRDA)* and H.R. 3080, the *Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2013* and strongly supports the adoption of the Conference Report. WRRDA both reforms and authorizes the programs of the Army Corps of Engineers' (Army Corps) Civil Works programs related to navigation, flood risk management, recreation, infrastructure and environmental stewardship. We strongly support this bill which provides much needed investment and reform to the nation's water infrastructure.

Our industries play a vital role in our nation's prosperity and international competitiveness. Without the products and services that we provide, many of the projects WRRDA authorizes would not be possible. WRRDA 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 natural disasters and other events. We strongly support WRRDA's direction on the employment of resilient construction building techniques which will allow a property to resist hazards brought on by a major disaster and to continue to provide the primary functions of the property after a major disaster. The Army Corp of Engineers' investment in resilient construction will help save lives and reduce the costs often borne by taxpayers in the wake of a disaster.

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

Thank you for your hard work on this critical legislation. We encourage the House and Senate to adopt the Conference Report as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

American Concrete Pavement Association

American Concrete Pipe Association

American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association

American Concrete Pumping Association

Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

National Precast Concrete Association

National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

Portland Cement Association