

**Dredging Contractors of America**  
SUPPORTING AMERICA'S PORTS, WATERWAYS, WETLANDS & BEACHES



May 23, 2016

The Honorable Bill Shuster  
Chair, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Ranking Member, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Bob Gibbs  
Chair, Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee

The Honorable Grace Napolitano  
Ranking Member, Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee

Dear Chairmen Shuster and Gibbs and Ranking Members DeFazio and Napolitano:

The Dredging Contractors of America (DCA) strongly supports the introduced Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA). DCA applauds your leadership in returning to a two-year cycle for WRDA bills. It is very important that a WRDA be passed in each Congress to ensure timely and cost effective water resources project development.

We are especially pleased to see a provision to ensure that, in the future, funds collected in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund will be used for their intended purpose – harbor maintenance. This sends an important message of your commitment to ensure our ports and waterways are properly maintained to strengthen our economy and support the navigation needs of the Nation.

Thank you for your support of the Nation's water resources infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Barry W. Holiday  
Executive Director  
Dredging Contractors of America