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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I urge you to support the Conference Report on H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA). This bipartisan legislation will help modernize America's waterways and ports to enable the efficient transport of American-produced commodities, as well as provide important protection for communities from the impacts of flooding.

Waterways are critical to our domestic supply chain. The projects that are built as a result of WRRDA improve our Nation's competitiveness across a wide sector of the economy. The bill will allow the nation to modernize lock and dam infrastructure, improve flood protection, upgrade deficient levees, and maintain our ports, harbors and key navigational channels.

The projects authorized by the WRRDA are long overdue and will create needed jobs in the construction sector which is still reeling from the impacts of the recession. The bill authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works programs and contains important reforms to the way in which projects are selected in the future. H.R. 3080 also streamlines how navigation, flood risk management, recreation, infrastructure and environmental stewardship are approved in the future.

We are also pleased to see inclusion of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), which will leverage millions of dollars for low interest loans for major water and waste water infrastructure projects desperately needed in communities across the country.

The Conference Report shows that Congress can indeed come together in a bipartisan manner and pass critical infrastructure legislation. We commend the conferees and urge you to vote for this important bill.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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