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Dear Chairman Shuster, Ranking Member DeFazio, Chairman Gibbs, and Ranking Member Napolitano:

The members of the National Waterways Conference would like to thank you for your commitment to the nation's water resources infrastructure and for your leadership in advancing the Water Resources Development Act of 2016.

We would like to commend you for two highlights of the 2106 bill. First, we appreciate your commitment to returning to regular order and moving this important legislation in a biennial cycle. In addition, WRDA 16 marks the first time that projects and studies will be authorized using the new process set forth in Section 7001 of WRRDA 14. We support that important provision which provides non-federal sponsors a stronger voice in determining which studies and projects should be authorized.

We fully support passage of WRDA 16, recognizing the critical role of our nation's water resources infrastructure to a robust economy, job creation, public safety and environmental well-being.

Respectfully submitted,

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