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Hon. Bill Shuster
Chairman
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
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Hon. Peter A. DeFazio
Ranking Member
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Hon. Bob Gibbs
Chairman
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Hon. Grace Napolitano
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Dear Chairman Shuster, Ranking Member DeFazio, Chairman Gibbs and Ranking Member Grace Napolitano,

The National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) supports the conference report on the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 included in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nations Act (S.612).

The enactment of WRDA this year is necessary to move critical flood damage reduction projects forward throughout the nation as well as needed ecosystem restoration and navigation projects forward. H.R. 5303 will also help to move a number of provisions in the WRRDA 2014 bill closer to implementation and includes a number of policy provisions that are needed to improve the ongoing partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its non-federal partners.

Sincerely,

Steve Fitzgerald
President

Susan Gilson
Executive Director