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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

The American Cement Association (ACA) applauds the bipartisan introduction of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2026. Continuing to pass a WRDA bill biennially is critical to the cement industry and crucial to advancing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) studies, projects, and policy.

Our members manufacture cement, the primary ingredient in concrete, which is used to build a range of different Corps projects, including locks and dams, flood control, and storm risk reduction. For every billion spent on water infrastructure construction approximately 211,000 metric tons of cement are consumed. Furthermore, 35 percent of all cement in the United States moves by barge from manufacturing plants to distribution terminals, demonstrating these systems are vital for American commerce.

For these reasons, ACA supports the bipartisan WRDA bill. Specifically, we welcome the:

- Authorization of 10 Corps construction projects focused on navigation, flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, and hurricane and storm damage reduction.
- Authorization of 151 feasibility studies for community projects.

By maintaining the predictable, biennial cycle for WRDA, this bill ensures continued progress on our nation's water infrastructure. We urge you to support WRDA. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to soneill@cement.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean O'Neill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sean" and last name "O'Neill" clearly distinguishable.

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