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The Honorable Bill Shuster Chairman, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee 2251 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio Ranking Member, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee 2164 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the business association of the nation's engineering industry – we wish to express our strong support for the passage of HR 8, the Water Resources Development Act of 2018.

ACEC represents over 5,000 of the nation's leading engineering firms that work every day to improve and enhance the critical infrastructure our country depends upon to move people and goods safely and efficiently and grow the economy. America's engineering industry is particularly engaged in improving the nation's waterways, ports and other water resource assets, as well as the water and wastewater infrastructure so essential to our quality of life.

We must do more to invest in these areas, as well as to build on past efforts to make the project delivery process more timely and efficient. Passage of WRDA is a critical step towards achieving these goals.

We appreciate your leadership in moving this bipartisan legislation through committee and to the House floor, and we strongly urge lawmakers to give HR 8 their support.

Sincerely,