

June 30, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chair  
Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

The Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) strongly supports the Water Resources Development Act of 2026 (WRDA) and appreciates the Committee's bipartisan leadership in advancing legislation that strengthens critical infrastructure, supports efficient supply chains, and promotes long-term economic growth. AEM is the North American-based international trade association representing more than 1,100 equipment manufacturers and suppliers across the agriculture, construction, forestry, and mining sectors. The U.S. equipment manufacturing industry supports over 2.2 million jobs and contributes \$415 billion annually to the economy.

AEM supports WRDA because our nation's water resources infrastructure plays a vital role in moving the goods and materials that power the American economy. Investments in ports, inland waterways, locks, dams, and related infrastructure help facilitate the efficient movement of construction materials that are essential to building and maintaining infrastructure projects across the country. These systems also play a vital role in the agriculture economy, enabling farmers and producers to move commodities to domestic and international markets and helping maintain the global competitiveness of U.S. agriculture.

By supporting the modernization and continued reliability of these critical transportation networks, WRDA strengthens supply chains, promotes economic growth, and reinforces the infrastructure foundation upon which manufacturers, contractors, and farmers depend. AEM member companies are proud to manufacture the equipment and technologies used to build, maintain, and modernize the water infrastructure projects authorized through WRDA.

We look forward to working with the Committee as WRDA advances and stand ready to serve as a resource.

Sincerely,

  
Kip Eideberg  
Senior Vice President, Government and Industry Relations  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers