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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
House Transportation
and Infrastructure Committee
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
House Transportation
and Infrastructure Committee
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable David Rouzer
Chairman
House Subcommittee on
Water Resources and Environment
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano
Ranking Member
House Subcommittee on
Water Resources and Environment
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, Chairman Rouzer and Ranking Member Napolitano:

I'm writing today on behalf of the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) to relay our support for H.R. 8812, the Water Resources Development Act of 2024. In particular, we support Sec. 101 which establishes a pilot program for "alternative project delivery" methods including progressive design-build.

DBIA is a nonprofit membership organization comprising professionals from across the entire design and construction spectrum. DBIA professionals include public sector officials at all levels of government and private sector practitioners devoted to delivering stellar infrastructure. DBIA is engineers, architects and all manner of design and construction professionals successfully working to deliver our nation's infrastructure projects that meet and exceed cost, schedule and quality goals.

Design-build is the fastest growing and most commonly used project delivery system. Nearly half of all design and construction projects in the United States are being delivered using some form of design-build. One application of design-build is via the collaborative, multi-phased or progressive process (commonly referred to as progressive design-build or PDB) that is referenced in H.R. 8812.

Progressive design-build is growing in popularity across the nation as states, localities and others are looking to take advantage of design-builders' expertise earlier in the process but also want to work collaboratively with the design-build team to develop a design and implement construction means and methods that meet the project's goals.

We applaud the committee for spotlighting and promoting PDB and look forward to working with you as the legislative process continues. If I can be of any assistance or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Washington', written in a cursive style.

Lisa Washington
Executive Director/CEO