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The Honorable Sam Graves

Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen

Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the National Association of Flood & Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA), whose member agencies are responsible for the management, operation, and maintenance of flood control and stormwater infrastructure serving tens of millions of Americans, we write to express strong support for the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's draft of the Water Resources Development Act of 2026 (WRDA 2026). NAFSMA represents the non-federal project sponsors -- the local and regional agencies that partner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to deliver flood risk management and stormwater infrastructure for communities across the country. We commend Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, and the full Committee for advancing a strong bipartisan bill.

WRDA 2026 addresses many of the barriers that non-federal sponsors face in planning, financing, and constructing flood control projects. The bill takes meaningful steps to streamline project delivery, modernize real estate procedures, strengthen the Corps' alternative delivery authorities, expand the Corps' stormwater mission, and establish new mechanisms for levee safety and project cost management. These reforms will help communities move critical flood risk management projects forward more quickly and at lower cost.

NAFSMA is particularly encouraged by the bill's provisions to reduce delays in the technical review and approval process, improve coordination between the Corps and non-federal sponsors, and recognize stormwater management as an integral part of the federal flood risk management mission. Our member agencies have long called for these reforms, and we are grateful to see them reflected in the Committee's draft.

NAFSMA looks forward to working with the Committee and its staff as the bill advances through markup and to the floor. We stand ready to provide technical assistance, share member agency perspectives, and support additional improvements that will strengthen flood and stormwater infrastructure for communities nationwide.

Thank you for your leadership on water resources policy and for your commitment to the communities that depend on effective flood risk management. NAFSMA strongly supports WRDA 2026 and urges its swift consideration and passage.

Respectfully submitted,

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