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The Honorable Bill Shuster Chairman Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Garrett Graves Chairman Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment U. S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio Ranking Member Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano Ranking Member Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster, Ranking Member DeFazio, Chairman Graves, and Ranking Member Napolitano:

The members of the National Waterways Conference would like to thank you for your leadership and commitment to the nation's water resources infrastructure and for the Committee's swift passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2018.

Our water resources infrastructure provides life-saving flood control, needed water supplies, shore protection, water-based recreation, environmental restoration, and hydropower production, essential to our economic well-being. Moreover, waterways transportation is the safest, most energy-efficient and environmentally sound mode of transportation. Regular authorizations to permit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to address critical water resources needs are essential to our nation's economic vitality and environmental well-being, and we appreciate the Committee's commitment to move this important legislation on a 2-year cycle.

Thank you for your continued leadership. We look forward to working with the Committee as you move forward with floor consideration of this bipartisan legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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