



June 29, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure

The Honorable Mike Collins
Chairman
House Subcommittee on Water Resources
and Environment

The Honorable Frederica S. Wilson
Ranking Member
House Subcommittee on Water
Resources and Environment

Dear Committee Leadership-

The National Water Supply Alliance (NWSA) strongly supports the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's continued commitment to maintaining the biennial Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) authorization cycle. NWSA appreciates the Committee's bipartisan approach in introducing WRDA 2026 in a timely manner. The House WRDA 2026 bill is particularly important to the water supply community, as it more broadly and specifically supports and reinforces Subtitle B of WRDA 2024 in elevating water supply at the Corps of Engineers.

NWSA fully supports Section 101(b) of the Committee's bill and recommends its inclusion in the final bill. The establishment of an Office of Water Supply, Water Conservation, and Drought Resiliency is vital to improving development and management of water supply policy at the Corps and provides a necessary designated mission-focused group within the Corps to coordinate and collaborate with the water supply community. Water supply providers have historically struggled in getting the attention of the Corps on important water supply issues; Section 101(b) will alleviate these challenges and offer a streamlined, efficient structure and process for interaction on Corps water supply policy, projects, and issues. Further, Section 101(b) supports the Corps' ability to implement Subtitle B of WRDA 2024.

NWSA also fully supports Section 132 of the Committee bill. Setting policy to fully utilize the programmatic, technical, and planning assistance, and project-specific authorities in all Corps mission areas, is especially impactful for the water supply mission. Typically, the water supply mission has lacked the attention given to other Corps missions. Section 132 not only reinforces the need to optimize mission authorities, but it also specifically recognizes "Municipal, industrial, and agricultural water supply, water conservation, and drought resiliency" on par with other Corps missions. This section provides the direction needed to implement Subtitle B of WRDA 2024.

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Dave Mitamura, Executive Director



More generally, NWSA supports the various provisions in the Committee bill that prioritize the urgency and value of water supply issues across the Nation. Addressing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers policies, programs, and projects on a regular basis is critical to ensuring the efficient and effective management of the nation's water resources.

NWSA is an independent advocacy group representing water supply providers, including users of water supply storage at Corps of Engineers reservoirs. We support the bipartisan WRDA process and thank Congress for engaging with non-federal partners and stakeholders. NWSA works closely with the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, as well as Corps of Engineers leadership and staff to define and refine Corps policy on managing water supply at Corps reservoirs to optimize reservoir storage now and into the future. The Committee bill strengthens the ability of the Corps and non-federal interests to be more timely and productive in addressing water supply issues nationwide.

Thank you for focusing attention on the nation's water resources needs. I am available to the Committee to discuss or provide more information on any sections of the bill. Please do not hesitate to contact me at davem@nationalwatersupply.org or (512) 608-7742.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Mitamura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dave" and last name "Mitamura" clearly distinguishable.

Dave Mitamura
Executive Director

Cc: Mr. Ryan Hambleton, Majority Director, House Subcommittee on Water Resources
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Mr. Ryan Seiger, Minority Director and Senior Counsel, House Subcommittee on
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