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The Hon. Sam Graves
Chairman
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Mike Collins
Chairman
Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee
on Water Resources and Environment
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Frederica Wilson
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairmen Graves and Collins and Ranking Members Larsen and Wilson:

Thank you for continued leadership to once again move a Water Resources Development Act through Congress to maintain your biennial legislative schedule.

It was an honor to be invited by you to testify before your Committee to help kick off the legislative process for both WRDA 2024 and 2026 and reiterate our industry's appreciation for your foresight and support for America's ports. A biannual WRDA schedule allows Port Tampa Bay and our port partners to plan for, acquire and update key equipment, modernize berths and operations, and undertake large projects that expand our capacity to move the cargo our nation's and our state's businesses, industry, and residents depend upon.

Our port continues to make strategic investments for our future, including improving the resiliency of our port facilities, growing and expanding our containerized cargo business, and, with this Committee's support in WRDA 2024, the undertaking of a major new project to deepen our shipping channels to accommodate the growing fleet of large ships that want to call upon Port Tampa Bay. The jobs and economic impact that flow back into our regional economy are a direct result of our strategic planning and growth. This investment and focus on the needs of America's ports is critical for our economic and national security.

Our nation's ports are integral to protecting, growing, and innovating the supply chains that link every part of our economy. These ongoing efforts would not be possible without the support of your Committee, the continued focus on these WRDA bills every two years, and our Federal partners at the Army Corps of Engineers, MARAD, the United States Coast Guard, and the Department of Homeland Security.



Thanks again to you and the members of your Committee for initiating WRDA 2026 and for your continued focus on the needs of America's ports. As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, let us never lose sight of how important the control and maintenance of our nation's waterways and ports have been throughout history to our national security and economy.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'A. Paul Anderson'.

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