



June 26, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chair, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the Port of Long Beach (Port), I write to express our sincere appreciation for the Committee's inclusion of the Port of Long Beach Deep Draft Navigation Project Post Authorization Change Report in the Water Resources Development Act of 2026 (WRDA).

The Committee's support for the project's updated authorization will allow the Port and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to continue advancing critical improvements to the Port's Approach Channel, Main Channel, West Basin, and Pier J Approach. These improvements will enhance navigational safety and efficiency, accommodate the world's largest vessels, optimize cargo volumes, strengthen supply chain resiliency, and generate substantial economic benefits for the nation. The Port is proud to be part of the gateway for 40% of the nation's containerized goods. We remain committed to being a strong partner as we work to improve and advance infrastructure projects to contribute to the nation's supply chain, support American jobs, and promote long-term economic growth.

We also congratulate the Committee on maintaining WRDA's longstanding biennial schedule and bipartisan tradition. The Committee's continued commitment to developing water resources legislation through a collaborative and member-driven process provides essential certainty for ports and communities working with the Corps to deliver nationally significant infrastructure.

The Port is especially grateful for the opportunity to participate directly in this process. I am grateful for the opportunity to have testified before the Committee in December and given the chance to highlight the importance of maintaining safe and reliable deep-draft navigation infrastructure. We appreciate the Committee's consideration of that testimony and its continued engagement with the Port throughout the development of the legislation.

Thank you, again, for your leadership and for recognizing the national significance of the Port of Long Beach's Deep Draft Navigation Project. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues as WRDA 2026 advances through Congress and as the Port and the Corps move this important project toward construction. If we may ever be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Adrian Granda, Director of Government Relations, at Adrian.Granda@polb.com.

Sincerely,

Dr. Noel Hacegaba
Chief Executive Officer