

May 19, 2014

The Honorable Bill Shuster and The Honorable Nick J. Rahall II
U.S. House of Representatives
Chairman and Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member Rahall:

As you prepare to bring the Water Resources Reform And Development Act (WRRDA) Conference Report before the full U.S. House of Representatives this week, I and the leadership of the Sabine-Neches Navigation District (SNND) want to thank you, all of your committee members and the Senate Conferees for your diligent work and strong leadership to improve America's essential maritime infrastructure. It is vital the Congress pass WRRDA, and you continue to have our committed support.

As you know, WRRDA will authorize improvements to the Sabine-Neches Waterway (SNWW) that have been delayed for over a decade. The SNWW is of critical importance to our national security and economy, and it truly is an American Asset. The SNWW delivers a minimum of 13% of all the refined crude oil products East of the Rocky Mountains daily and is home to America's two leading commercial strategic seaports.

Increased depth authorization for the SNWW will help America meet the demands of deeper draft crude oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) tankers. Additionally, approximately 60% of America's commercial jet fuel and a significant classified majority of our military's jet fuel is produced on the SNWW. Furthermore, the SNWW is the primary supplier of 54% of America's strategic oil reserves and is poised to lead the nation in LNG exports advancing America's trading and security strengths globally.

America cannot afford to hinder our country's most critical navigation projects, and we are proud WRRDA advances them and the SNWW. Thank you for your diligent work for our nation, and we look forward to working with you as Congress addresses WRRDA this week.

Very respectfully yours,



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