



June 30, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
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The Honorable Mike Collins
Chairman
Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment
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The Honorable Frederica Wilson
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, Chairman Collins & Ranking Member Wilson:

On behalf of The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) and our more than 250 member companies from across the fertilizer supply chain, I write in support of H.R. 9497, the Water Resource Development Act of 2026 (WRDA 2026). This legislation furthers the continued development and modernization of water resources infrastructure supporting navigation, flood control, and other important priorities for rural America and for keeping fertilizer moving from plants, mines, and terminals to America's farmers.

TFI especially appreciates provisions establishing an Office of Inland Navigation Construction (Section 101) and directing a study on measures to strengthen, modernize, and preserve U.S. inland and intercoastal waterways (Section 206). The inland and intracoastal waterways are critical to the efficient long-distance transportation of bulk fertilizer products, with significant shipments of urea and phosphate fertilizers moving upriver every year. TFI has long supported efforts to modernize the lock infrastructure that makes the river system viable for transportation, and both provisions support this objective and establish stronger oversight to reduce costs and schedule risks for these critical projects.

As WRDA 2026 moves into markup, TFI urges the Committee to adopt language clarifying the definition of a major rehabilitation for inland waterways construction and to avoid adopting amendments that may negatively impact the ability of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to carry out authorized civil works projects

TFI appreciates the many important reforms advanced through WRDA 2026 and looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee as the legislation moves forward. Thank you for your leadership and thanks to the staff at the Committee and with committee member offices for their hard work, engagement, and dedication.

Sincerely,

Ryan Bowley
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The Fertilizer Institute