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RE: AGC Support for S. 4367, the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024

Dear Chairmen Carper & Graves, and Ranking Members Capito & Larsen:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) – the leading association in the construction industry representing more than 27,000 firms, including America’s leading general contractors, specialty-contracting firms, service providers, and suppliers – I write in support of S. 4367, the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024.

The predictability of the biennial passage of water resources development acts is critical for all stakeholders involved in the planning and execution of water resources projects. Through these investments, WRDA will create jobs, improve the quality of life for all Americans, protect our communities, facilitate waterborne commerce, restore environmentally sensitive areas of the country, and help grow our economy. WRDA invests in our harbors and inland waterways, which helps to ensure construction materials make it to the jobsite in a timely manner.

AGC is especially excited about the inclusion of the Fiscally Responsible Highway Funding Act of 2024. The repurposing of unobligated TIFIA funds will immediately unlock \$1.8 billion for states to rebuild roads and bridges across the country. These investments will help maintain the competitiveness of our economy while supporting well-paying construction careers. Finally, this bill will continue to ensure that the TIFIA loan program still has adequate lending capacity for large-scale transportation projects.

Thank you for your commitment to finding bipartisan solutions to address the nation’s infrastructure needs. We look forward to working with you to get this legislation signed into law.

Sincerely,

Alex Etchen
Vice President, Government Relations