



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



December 4, 2024

The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and
Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelly More Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment and
Public Works
410 Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
House Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

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

Having been briefed on and given the opportunity to review the Water Resources Development Act of 2024, I am writing to express the Lake Carriers' Association's support and thank you for your leadership. The bill is good for the Great Lakes Navigation System, the Great Lakes region and our nation.

Since 1880, the Lake Carriers' Association has represented the U.S.-flag Great Lakes fleet, which today can move more than 90 million tons of cargos annually that are the foundation of American industry, infrastructure, and energy: iron ore, stone, coal, cement, and other dry bulk materials such as grain, salt, and sand. Our members depend on a healthy and robust Great Lakes Navigation System. We appreciate your investment in maintaining and improving the system that keeps commerce flowing.

Sincerely,

James H. I. Weakley
President
Lake Carriers' Association