



December 4, 2024

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Congressional Leadership—

The National Water Supply Alliance (NWSA) strongly supports the passage of the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024. NWSA greatly appreciates the commitment and effort by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to consistently produce a meaningful and impactful bipartisan water resources bill every two years. Addressing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers policies, programs, and projects on a regular basis is critical to ensuring the efficient and effective management of the nation's water resources. WRDA 2024 is a welcome enhancement to Corps authorities and directives. In particular, NWSA fully supports the inclusion of the Grace F. Napolitano Priority for Water Supply, Water Conservation, and Drought Resiliency Act of 2024 (Subtitle B) in the bill. NWSA looks forward to working very closely with Congress and the Corps of Engineers to implement the intent of and provisions in Subtitle B, as we continue to address the need for strengthening the management and delivery of water supply across the Nation.

NWSA is an independent advocacy group representing users of water storage at Corps of Engineers reservoirs, and we absolutely support the bipartisan WRDA process and thank Congress for engaging with non-federal partners and stakeholders in particular. NWSA works closely with the Committees, as well as Corps of Engineers leadership and staff to define and refine Corps policy on managing water supply at Corps reservoirs to optimize reservoir usage now and into the future. The discussions with the Corps continue to be candid and productive, and WRDA 2024 will enhance our collaborative efforts.

Thank you for focusing attention on the nation's water resources needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Mitamura".

Dave Mitamura
Executive Director

Cc: The Honorable Thomas R. Carper, Chair, Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
The Honorable Sam Graves, Chair, House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
The Honorable Rick Larsen, Ranking Member, House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

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