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

The 33 national associations and construction trade unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) applaud your work on the *Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (WRDA 2024)*. This bipartisan legislation will authorize much needed investment for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) projects, including ports, dredging, locks, levees, dams, and water supply projects and we support its passage and enactment.

This legislation builds on the resources provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and continues the two-year cycle ensuring the timely delivery of water projects across the country. The bipartisan WRDA 2024 authorizes 200 feasibility studies and the construction of 21 water resource projects.

If enacted, the bill would address the harbor deepening and maintenance needs of commercially significant ports to ensure America can remain competitive globally. These projects help facilitate the movement of construction materials through our inland waterways.

If fully funded through the annual appropriations process, WRDA 2024 will have an increased focus on projects and help the Corps cut into the backlog of needed water transportation improvements. We applaud the work of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on its continued commitment to finding bipartisan solutions to address the needs of America's transportation systems. The TCC urges all members of the House and Senate to support WRDA 2024 when it is considered in the House and Senate.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition