

## **United Association** of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada

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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the more than 383,000 hardworking men and women of the United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA), I write in strong support for the House Amendment to S. 4367, the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024. This bill will create good-paying jobs for UA members as we continue our important work providing access to clean and safe drinking water, modernizing our water infrastructure, maintaining wastewater systems, and so much more.

The members of the United Association are the best-trained and most highly skilled craftspeople in our industry – and we are proud to go to work each day protecting the health of our nation. For more than 100 years, UA members have worked to protect our nation's clean water supply and provide efficient and affordable energy to American consumers. For the sixth consecutive Congress, the bipartisan WRDA bill will ensure that our members continue this important work on projects that will help improve all our communities.

This legislation represents a long-overdue investment in the restoration and maintenance of our waterways, ports, dams, and other essential water systems. The bill makes important adjustments that will help ensure the successful implementation of water-related projects that benefit communities across the United States. From protecting vulnerable coastal areas from flooding and storm surges to improving water quality and supporting ecosystem restoration efforts, the provisions in the bill are critical to safeguarding our country's infrastructure, the public's well-being, and promoting sustainable economic growth.

From increased funding for critical Army Corps of Engineers projects to essential analysis that will pave the way for the future of our water infrastructure, and from wastewater assistance programs in underserved communities to conservation efforts, this bipartisan bill is a true example of what Congress can achieve for the American people. The entire United Association thanks you for your leadership once again and strongly encourages support for the House Amendment to S. 4367 and advocates for its swift final passage.

Together, we look forward to continuing our important work delivering for American families.

Sincerely yours,

Mark McManus General President

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