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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

The American Petroleum Institute (API), with over 625 members representing all facets of the oil and natural gas industry, supports H.R. 8, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2018.

Water infrastructure is critically important to America's economy. In 2016, over 2 billion tons of goods valued at \$2 trillion were moved through the U.S. waterborne transportation system, with over 40 percent of the tonnage comprised of crude or petroleum products<sup>1</sup>. This infrastructure facilitates energy trade flows across the United States and around the world, helping to ensure that American and global consumers have access to affordable energy.

The oil and natural gas industry is focused on the safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible transportation of our products, which makes the work of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) so important. H.R. 8 maintains the biennial schedule for water infrastructure project authorization, brings greater transparency to the regulatory process, and calls for greater efficiencies in Corps management, demonstrating a strong commitment to the maintenance and construction of port and water infrastructure that will keep the U.S. globally competitive.

API urges the U.S. House of Representatives to approve H.R. 8.

Sincerely,

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Jack N. Gerard  
President and CEO  
American Petroleum Institute

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<sup>1</sup> ICF, preliminary findings from "Potential Economic Benefits from Improved USACE Processes" (to be finalized June, 2018).