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The Honorable Bill Shuster  
Chairman

The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Ranking Member

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
United State House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

On behalf of the members of the American Waterways Operators, I would like to convey our full support for H.R. 8, the Water Resources Development Act of 2018.

This legislation, which passed by an overwhelming majority in the House of Representatives, will continue the important work Chairman Shuster began of placing WRDA on a two-year cycle. As with the 2014 and 2016 bills, WRDA 2018 will ensure that projects vital to the continued navigability of America's waterways will move forward. In short, WRDA 2018 will maintain the reliability of domestic waterborne transportation, which is the safest, most energy-efficient and environmentally friendly mode of commercial transportation in America.

Our thanks to you, the Members of the Committee, and professional staff for the hard work in achieving strong bipartisan support for WRDA 2018. We look forward to speedy enactment of this legislation before year's end, and stand ready to help you reach that objective in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Allegretti