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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
2165 RHOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
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Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

On behalf of the National Waterways Conference (NWC), I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your commitment to maintaining the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) on a biennial cycle. This consistent legislative attention is crucial for addressing the comprehensive needs of our nation's water resource infrastructure, including navigation, flood control, and ecosystem restoration.

WRDA is especially important to our members, who represent the full spectrum of water resources stakeholders, including flood control associations, levee boards, waterways shippers and carriers, industry and regional associations, hydropower producers, port authorities, shipyards, dredging contractors, regional water supply districts, engineering consultants, and state and local governments. Many of our members are non-federal sponsors (NFS) of Corps civil works projects, responsible for significant financial commitments for the construction and maintenance of these projects. They work diligently and collaboratively with their federal partners to ensure the nation can reap the multiple benefits provided by these investments.

Your leadership ensures that these essential projects receive the authorization and oversight necessary to enhance our infrastructure, safeguard communities, and preserve natural environments. The regular reauthorization of WRDA supports a stable planning framework, enabling effective implementation and ongoing maintenance across diverse water resource management sectors.

As we continue to face future challenges in water resource management, we value the ongoing collaboration with you and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Thank you for your continued dedication and leadership in promoting a comprehensive approach to our nation's water resources. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at 703.224-8007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julie Ufner'.

Julie Ufner
President and CEO