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Speaker Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: AGC Support for the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA 2022)

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) – the leading association in the construction industry representing more than 27,000 firms, including America’s leading general contractors, specialty-contracting firms, service providers, and suppliers – I urge passage of the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA 2022).

WRDA 2022 is an essential step forward as Congress works to continue the biennial process of passing legislation that invests in our nation’s water resources infrastructure. The predictability of the biennial passage of water resources development acts is critical for all stakeholders involved in the planning and execution of water resources projects. Through these investments, WRDA 2022 will create jobs, improve the quality of life for all Americans, protect our communities, facilitate waterborne commerce, restore environmentally sensitive areas of the country, and help grow our economy.

AGC appreciates that the bill will help ensure that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Civil Works Program is appropriately responsive to the water resources needs identified by local communities. Specifically, the bill authorizes 72 new feasibility studies and the construction of 16 water resource projects. WRDA 2022 invests in our harbors and inland waterways, which helps to ensure construction materials make it to the job site in a timely manner. Finally, AGC applauds the committee for avoiding one-size-fits-all labor mandates that would make it harder for construction companies to fill needed positions.

Thank you for your leadership in demonstrating that Congress can find bipartisan solutions to address America’s infrastructure needs. We look forward to continuing to work with you as this legislation advances through the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James V. Christianson'.

James V. Christianson
Vice President, Government Relations

Cc: Chairman Peter DeFazio
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