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The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Chairman  
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member  
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

The Portland Cement Association (PCA), which represents the majority of cement manufacturers across the country, commends the bipartisan introduction of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022. We appreciate the opportunity to share the cement industry's perspective.

Our nation's waterways play a critical role in the movement of cement from manufacturing plant to market. Annually, the cement industry ships approximately 35 percent of our product from plants to terminals by barge demonstrating, these systems are vital for American commerce. Additionally, water infrastructure construction is a critical market for cement in the United States. For every billion spent on water construction, approximately 211,000 metric tons of cement will be consumed.

Passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 is important to continuing the two-year cycle of passing legislation to authorize and advance new U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) projects. By advancing 72 Corps feasibility studies, eight studies to modify existing projects, and authorizing 16 projects with final Chief's Reports for construction, the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 will advance projects focused on restoration, flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, and hurricane and storm risk reduction.

Again, thank you for your continued leadership in advancing critical water infrastructure legislation. PCA looks forward to working with you to advance the Water Resources Development Act of 2022. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 321-6792 or [soneill@cement.org](mailto:soneill@cement.org).

Sincerely,



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