



June 1, 2022

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chair
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
1135 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano
Chair
Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
1610 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable David Rouzer
Ranking Member
Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
2333 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: 2022 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Legislation

Dear Chairs DeFazio and Napolitano and Ranking Members Graves and Rouzer:

Thank you for your leadership in ports, transportation and goods movement, especially as we continue to address the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The Port of Long Beach (Port) supports the draft 2022 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) before you this Congressional session. Constructing and maintaining federal navigation channels are critical for our national goods movement industry to thrive. Passage of a WRDA 2022 that will authorize new construction projects and studies, as well as streamline Army Corps of Engineers' processes, will play a key role in sustaining and growing our nation's ports, which move approximately \$6 billion worth of goods daily. In addition to more throughput, some navigation projects, like our Deep Draft Navigation Project, will also result in reductions of air pollutants and greenhouse gasses by increasing navigational efficiency and facilitating next generation vessels with increased cargo capacity and cleaner engines, resulting in fewer emissions and cleaner air quality for communities surrounding ports.

Again, thank you for your leadership. We look forward to continue working with you and your Committee staff on the passage of 2022 WRDA legislation. If we may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Eleanor Torres, Director of Government Relations, at (562) 756-8383 or Eleanor.Torres@polb.com, or me at (562) 822-8554 or Mario.Cordero@polb.com

Sincerely,

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