



June 6, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Grace Napolitano
Chairwoman
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable David Rouzer
Ranking Member
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
Sub. on Water Resources & Environment
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Water Resources Development Act of 2022

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Chairman DeFazio, Chairwoman Napolitano, and Ranking Members Graves and Rouzer:

I write in support of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022. The passage of WRDA every two years is essential in providing guidance to the US Army Corps of Engineers and in ensuring key infrastructure projects move forward.

Established in 1891 by the Oregon Legislature, the Port of Portland today owns three airports, including Portland International (PDX). We also own and operate four marine terminals that handle imports and exports, business parks that provide industrial and manufacturing jobs, and operate dredge equipment that helps maintain the navigation channel on the lower Columbia and Willamette rivers. The Port's location at the confluence of two navigable rivers, two transcontinental railroads, and two interstate freeways means we rely upon investments in nearly every kind of infrastructure imaginable: waterways, levees, locks, flood protection, as well as marine terminals, roads, transit, rail, and airports.

We are pleased to see the construction authorization of the Portland Metro Levee System project included in the bill. Some of the Port's most critical operations and facilities are located in the managed floodplain directly behind the levees. We also support the direction provided in the bill to the Corps and the EPA on the turning basins in the Lower Willamette River.

The Port appreciates the Committee's leadership and bipartisan collaboration on this legislation. We support WRDA 2022 and ask the House of Representatives to pass the bill this week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Robinhold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Curtis Robinhold
Executive Director
Port of Portland