

JAXPORT December 6, 2024

<p>Port Canaveral</p> <p>Port Everglades</p>	<p>The Honorable Sam Graves Chairman House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 1135 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515</p>	<p>The Honorable Rick Larsen Ranking Member House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 2163 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515</p>
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RE: S. 4367 -- Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

<p>Port of Fort Pierce</p> <p>Port of Key West</p>	<p>The Florida Ports Council (FPC) serves as the professional association for Florida’s 15 deepwater public seaports and their management. Seaports are one of Florida’s greatest economic assets, positively affecting every region and every resident. Whether moving 100+ million tons of cargo annually or millions of cruise passengers, Florida’s seaports generate and support a vast array of commerce. These seaports are the gateway for shipment of goods into and out of Florida and link our state to vital international markets.</p>
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<p>PortMiami</p> <p>Port of Palm Beach</p>	<p>The FPC supports the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (S. 4367). We commend and appreciate the bipartisan efforts of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to introduce and pass a new WRDA at least every two years. These efforts help states like Florida develop and implement maritime job creation and economic development projects at our seaports. This legislation is vital to ensuring an efficient and effective supply chain in Florida and the U.S.</p>
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<p>Port of Panama City</p> <p>Port of Pensacola</p> <p>Port of Port St. Joe</p>	<p>WRDA 2024 authorizes the study and construction of several projects in Florida that are vital to Florida and this nation’s economy. WRDA 2024 also contains important reforms to the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and federal public works and economic development procedures under the Economic Development Agency (EDA) to ensure efficient use of federal resources and programs. Through our partnership with these federal transportation and economic development agencies, Florida’s seaports can provide the infrastructure to get goods from ship to shelf and deliver vital products to Floridians and U.S. citizens.</p>
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<p>Port Putnam</p>	<p>We fully support the passage of S. 4367 and urge you to pass this important supply chain and economic development legislation.</p>
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Sincerely,



<p>Port St. Pete</p> <p>Port Tampa Bay</p>	<p>Michael Rubin President & CEO Florida Ports Council</p>
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