

# North American Concrete Alliance

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December 6, 2024

The Honorable Tom Carper  
Chairman  
Environment and Public Works Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Environment and Public Works Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairmen Carper and Graves and Ranking Members Capito and Larsen:

The North American Concrete Alliance (NACA), a coalition of twelve concrete-related trade associations, supports the bipartisan agreement on the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024 (S. 4367). Passage of WRDA is a priority for NACA members as we not only provide a building material critical to the construction of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) infrastructure.

As you may know, NACA is a coalition of concrete-related associations dedicated to addressing industry-wide priorities in the areas of research, education, and government affairs. Cement and concrete product manufacturing, directly and indirectly, contributes approximately \$130 billion to the economy and employs 577,000 people. Not only are cement and concrete essential construction materials and basic components of our nation's infrastructure, but our members rely on a well-functioning transportation system to efficiently move our product to market.

The passage of WRDA is essential to continuing the two-year cycle of passing legislation to authorize new studies and construction of Corps projects. We applaud the authorization of over 200 feasibility studies and 21 construction projects that address the water infrastructure needs across the country, from hurricane and storm damage risk reduction, flood risk management, navigation, and ecosystem restoration.

Additionally, we applaud the inclusion of the Fiscally Responsible Highway Funding Act to address the growing challenge of August Redistribution, which has grown to unprecedented levels over the past few years. By reassigning \$ 1.8 billion of existing and unused future TIFIA contract authority to formula dollars under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, much-needed contract authority will be provided to states to strategically program their annual obligation limitation, enabling important transportation projects to move forward in state and communities across the country.

Again, we applaud bipartisan agreement on a WRDA bill to advance important water infrastructure projects across the country and the inclusion of the Fiscally Responsible Highway Funding Act to address August Redistribution.

Sincerely,

American Concrete Pavement Association  
American Concrete Pipe Association  
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association  
American Concrete Pumping Association  
Concrete Foundations Association  
Concrete Masonry & Hardscapes Association

Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
National Precast Concrete Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute  
Portland Cement Association  
Tilt-Up Concrete Association