

December 6, 2024

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment and Public  
Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Environment and Public Works Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chair  
Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable David Rouzer  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Water Resources and  
Environment  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Water Resources and  
Environment  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: Water Resources Development Act of 2024**

Dear Chairman Carper, Ranking Member Capito, Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, Chairman Rouzer, and Ranking Member Napolitano:

On behalf of the National Waterways Conference (NWC), we want to acknowledge and commend your committees' leadership and hard work in reaching a compromise on the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). WRDA represents a bipartisan commitment to ensuring

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that our nation's water resources infrastructure meets the evolving needs of communities across the country.

A special note of gratitude goes to Chairman Carper, who has been a steadfast champion of water issues throughout his tenure in the Senate. As you prepare to retire from Congress, your legacy of leadership in advancing thoughtful, collaborative solutions for our water resources is deeply appreciated. Additionally, with Ranking Member Napolitano set to retire from Congress, your passion and tireless efforts on behalf of water resources through your work on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee have left an indelible mark, ensuring these critical issues receive the attention they deserve. To the rest of the leadership team, thank you for your dedication to this vital legislation.

WRDA is particularly important to our members, who represent the full spectrum of water resources stakeholders, including flood control associations, levee boards, waterways shippers and carriers, industry and regional associations, hydropower producers, port authorities, shipyards, dredging contractors, regional water supply districts, engineering consultants, and state and local governments. Many of our members are non-federal sponsors of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, taking on significant financial commitments for the construction and maintenance of these projects. They work diligently and collaboratively with federal partners to ensure that communities across the country benefit from public safety, economic growth, and environmental stewardship these investments deliver.

We strongly support maintaining WRDA on a two-year cycle. This predictability ensures a consistent framework for authorizing studies and projects critical to keeping our economies strong and our communities safe. WRDA is a win-win—not just for Congress but for the communities it helps to protect and strengthen.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to advancing WRDA. Your efforts to ensure the success of this bipartisan legislation are greatly appreciated by non-federal sponsors and stakeholders nationwide. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703.203.4795 or [julie@waterways.org](mailto:julie@waterways.org).

Sincerely,



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National Waterways Conference