



December 6, 2024

The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Senate Environment & Public Works Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Environment & Public Works Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
Washington, DC 20515

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

On behalf of the United States' fertilizer industry, I am writing to express The Fertilizer Institute's support for the final agreement on the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (WRDA). We urge both the Senate and House to swiftly pass this legislation.

Inland and costal waterways and ocean ports are vital to the supply chain that ensures US farmers receive the fertilizer products that are essential to ensuring successful crop production. Nearly a quarter of all fertilizers move via barge through locks and navigation channels authorized and modernized through regular passage of WRDA legislation. Updated ocean ports channels are crucial to the global trade in fertilizers, supporting both US farmers and workers at fertilizer production facilities.

WRDA 2024 supports the continued improvement of these vital national infrastructure assets by authorizing important water resources projects throughout our port and waterway systems. Crucially, the final agreement includes language permanently adjusting the inland waterways cost-share for construction and major rehabilitation projects. TFI especially appreciates the inclusion of this language as it will enable more efficient funding and completion of the many lock and dam modernization projects across the inland waterway system.

TFI thanks both committees for your continued focus on completing a WRDA bill this year and is grateful to the hard work and dedication of the expert staff on both sides of the Capitol. We call on all members of the Senate and House to support this legislation and for the President to sign it into law.

Sincerely,

Corey Rosenbusch
President and CEO
The Fertilizer Institute