



May 2, 2022

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Chair
Environment and Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate
SD-410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Environment and Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate
SD-456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Water Resources Development Act of 2022

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

On behalf of the National Waterways Conference (NWC), we would like to thank you for your leadership and commitment to our nation's water infrastructure, as well as keeping your pledge to keep the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) on a biennial schedule. Regular authorizations of WRDA allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE or Corps) to move forward with critical feasibility studies, projects, and modifications to keep our communities strong. This WRDA is no different, many studies and projects are in the pipeline, which will only benefit this nation.

WRDA is especially 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 Corps civil works projects, responsible for significant financial commitments for the construction and maintenance of these projects. They work diligently and collaboratively with their federal partners to ensure the nation can reap the multiple benefits provided by these investments.

While we are still analyzing the bill, we applaud the committee for including provisions that strengthen engagement between USACE and non-federal sponsors and stakeholders. These provisions will build upon the work in previous WRDA bills. As you look toward future

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refinements of WRDA 2022, NWC would welcome the opportunity to engage further on several policy provisions in the bill where more clarity would be desirable.

We look forward to working with you to strengthen our water resources, while protecting local communities and bolstering our national economy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703.224.8007 or julie@waterways.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Ufner".

President and CEO
National Waterways Conference