September 13, 2016

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-107, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Majority Leader McCarthy,

Earlier this year, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee unanimously reported out of committee H.R. 5303, the Water Resources Development Act of 2016. We are writing to urge you to bring the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 to the House floor before the end of the fiscal year.

The Water Resources Development Act authorizes twenty-eight critical Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works projects across the country, strengthens the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, and makes a number of commonsense reforms to improve the management of water resources across the United States. Also, this legislation is fiscally responsible – as the cost of the bill is fully offset by deauthorizing projects that are no longer viable.

Allocating floor time for the Water Resources Development Act would also reflect a bipartisan commitment to invest in our water infrastructure and promote environmental restoration. The bill’s navigation and lock improvements would help facilitate the $1.4 trillion of goods that move through American ports each year and the 600 million tons of cargo that move through our inland waterways. Continued investment in flood risk reduction and management will help mitigate the $28 billion cost in annual storm damage.

Finally, it is critical that Congress restore the practice of passing a Water Resources Development Act biennially. Regularly passing this legislation will enable us to take full advantage of new opportunities such as the Panama Canal expansion and to continuously invest responsibly in our aging water infrastructure.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to collaborating with you to strengthen our water resources infrastructure and advancing this important and time-sensitive legislation to the president’s desk.

Sincerely,
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