

Construction Industry Procurement Coalition

The Honorable Tom Carper
Committee on the Environment & Public Works
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman Ranking Member
Committee on the Environment & Public Works
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for S.3591, the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020 and H.R. 7575, the Water Resources Development Act of 2020

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

We, the undersigned fourteen construction industry trade and professional organizations representing tens of thousands of firms and individuals engaged in architecture, engineering, surveying and mapping, prime contracting, subcontracting, specialty trade contracting, supplying, and surety bond producing, urge passage of the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA 2022).

WRDA 2022 is an essential step forward as Congress works to continue the biennial process of passing legislation that invests in our nation's water resources infrastructure. The predictability of the biennial passage of water resources development acts is critical for all stakeholders involved in the planning and execution of water resources projects. Through these investments, WRDA 2022 will create jobs, improve the quality of life for all Americans, protect our communities, facilitate waterborne commerce, restore environmentally sensitive areas of the country, and help grow our economy.

We appreciate that the bill will help ensure that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Civil Works Program is appropriately responsive to the water resources needs identified by local communities. Specifically, the bill authorizes dozens feasibility studies and the construction of water resource projects. WRDA 2022

invests in our harbors and inland waterways, which helps to ensure construction materials make it to the job site in a timely manner.

Again, we urge the passage of the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act of 2022. Thank you for your consideration of the construction industry.

Sincerely,

The Below Signed Associations:

American Council of Engineering Companies

American Subcontractors Association

Associated General Contractors of America

Design-Build Institute of America

Independent Electrical Contractors

International Institute of Building Enclosure Consultants

National Association of Surety Bond Producers

National Society of Professional Surveyors

Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association

Subsurface Utility Engineering Association

The Surety & Fidelity Association of America

U.S. Geospatial Executives Organization

Women Construction Owners and Executives

cc: Members of the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure and Environment & Public Works Committee