

February 17, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-146A, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: FY 2022 Energy and Water Development Appropriations**

Dear Chairman Leahy, Chairwoman DeLauro, Ranking Member Shelby and Ranking Member Granger,

The undersigned organizations thank you for your leadership in ensuring investment in the U.S. maritime infrastructure system, which consist of harbors, ports, channels, locks, dams and waterways. We appreciate your recognition of the nexus between water resources development and economic prosperity. We write to you today regarding funding for the navigation program administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

We appreciate your increased funding over the Administration's budget request. As you finalize the Energy and Water Development (E&WD) appropriations for FY 2022, we urge you to fund various programmatic funding components from the House bill and the Senate Appropriations Committee report, as long as the funding does not interfere or diminish other USACE civil works business lines. Specifically, we support the following funding provisions:

- Senate \$8.70 billion to fund the Army Corps of Engineers;
- Senate and House \$2.05 billion for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) to enable the Army Corps of Engineers to make significant progress on the backlog of dredging needs;
- House \$30.85 million for the navigation investigations program, plus the \$8.28 million in Remaining Items funding;
- Senate \$1.051 billion for the navigation construction program;
- Senate \$3.049 billion for navigation operations and maintenance work, including (1) deep draft, (2) small remote and subsistence, (3) navigation maintenance, and (4) inland waterways;
- Senate and House \$50 million for the donor and energy transfer port program; and
- Senate recommendation of \$354.3 million, which makes full use of the revenues in the

Inland Waterways Trust Fund for construction projects.

We also want to thank you for the funding provided in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Corps of Engineers Civil Works program. These funds provide the opportunity for constructing and maintaining 21<sup>st</sup> century navigation channels and waterways, enabling safe and efficient freight movement and the continued economic prosperity across the nation.

Funding for the adequate development and maintenance of the waterway systems in the U.S. is critical to ensuring that products that consumers want and need can continue to safely and efficiently be delivered without incident. As a significant component of local, state, and national economies, the health of our maritime system is critical to our way of life. Dependable, modernized maritime infrastructure is critical in maintaining and enhancing U.S. competitiveness in the global marketplace.

The undersigned organizations strongly support your bipartisan leadership to effectively fund our nation's infrastructure, and we look forward to working with you to swiftly move this legislation into law.

Sincerely,

American Association of Port Authorities  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Petroleum Institute  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Waterways Operators  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Big River Coalition  
Chamber of Shipping of America  
Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co, LLC  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Grain and Feed Association  
National Mining Association  
National Waterways Conference  
Waterways Council, Inc.

cc: The Honorable Diane Feinstein, Chairperson, Senate Energy and Water Development  
Appropriations Subcommittee  
The Honorable John Kennedy, Ranking Member, Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations  
Subcommittee  
The Honorable Marcy Kaptur, Chairwoman, House Energy and Water Development Appropriations  
Subcommittee  
The Honorable Mike Simpson, Ranking Member, House Energy and Water Development Appropriations  
Subcommittee

The Honorable Charles Schumer, Senate Majority Leader

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader, House of Representatives