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 develop-
ment 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)
depth 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 21st 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