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Chairman Tom Carper 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito 456 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

The 33 national associations and construction trade unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) thank you for your work on the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA 2022). This bipartisan legislation will provide much needed investments for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) projects, including dredging, locks, levees, dams, and water supply projects.

This legislation builds on the investments provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and continues the two-year cycle ensuring the timely delivery of water projects across the country. WRDA 2022 will provide for 36 new Corps feasibility studies and authorizes or modifies 21 projects for construction, and emphasizes expedited completion of several projects critical to flood risk mitigation, navigation and ecosystem restoration.

The bill will provide a much-needed investment in our port infrastructure, at a critical time when supply chain shortages are hampering economic growth. The bill will address the harbor deepening and maintenance needs of commercially significant ports to ensure America can remain competitive globally.

If fully funded through the annual appropriations process, WRDA 2022 will have an increased focus on projects and help keep the Corps moving. We applaud the committee on its continued commitment to finding bipartisan solutions to addressing the needs of America's transportation systems. As such, the TCC urges a YES vote on the bill.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition

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