November 14, 2016

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
United States Capitol, S-230
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
United States Capitol, S-221
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
United States Capitol, H-232
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
United States Capitol, H-204
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Ryan, Minority Leader Reid and Minority Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the nation’s governors and state legislatures, we commend both chambers for passing the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016.

WRDA is critical to protect, maintain and further develop our nation’s waterways and ports. It provides states with added stability and certainty to meet water infrastructure needs while also supporting the safety, environmental protection and economic development of state and local communities.

Governors and state legislatures strongly supported the bipartisan passage of the Water Resources and Reform Development Act of 2014. We encourage Congress to again work together to pass a WRDA reauthorization so as to ensure a return to the traditional biennial reauthorization schedule for this legislation.

Sincerely,

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National Governors Association

William T. Pound
Executive Director
National Conference of State Legislatures

Cc: Chairman James Inhofe, Chairman Bill Shuster, Chairman Fred Upton, Senator Barbara Boxer, Representative Peter DeFazio and Representative Frank Pallone