



December 2, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leaders McConnell and McCarthy,

On behalf of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA), we are writing today to offer our support for the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022. ASBPA applauds the bipartisan spirit in which this legislation was drafted, and this noteworthy action is a direct reflection of the shared commitment to critical water resource issues and the dedication to finding common ground to advance these efforts.

ASBPA stands in support of this legislation and is encouraged by the actions of the House of Representatives and Senate to ensure that WRDA remains on its biennial cycle. More specifically, ASBPA members support the inclusion of provisions to address coastal resilience and beach nourishment projects, beneficial use of dredge material, and national coastal mapping and civil works research and development. In addition, we applaud the inclusion of 94 additional water resources studies in the bill many of which are sponsored by ASBPA member communities. The health of the nation's shorelines is instrumental to advancing the economic vitality of the entire country and we appreciate that the WRDA bill includes coastal issues among its priorities. We can and must do more to protect our precious coastlines and this bill puts us on a path to do just that.

Since 1926, ASBPA has been dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing our coasts by merging science and public policy. Our role is to be a team player in addressing climate change and increasing resiliency of the nation's coastlines. We are grateful for your collective commitment to critical coastal issues and ASBPA stands ready to assist as the legislative process moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Anthony Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a horizontal line.

Anthony Pratt
Executive Director

C: The Honorable Tom Carper, Chair, Senate Environment & Public Works Committee
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Ranking Member, Senate Environment & Public Works Committee
The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Chair, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
The Honorable Sam Graves, Ranking Member, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee