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DEVELOPMENT OF A WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2022

Dear Colleague:

The *Water Resources Development Act* (WRDA) is a comprehensive water resources development law successfully enacted, on a bipartisan basis, in each of the last four Congresses.

Specifically, *WRDA* authorizes studies and projects within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Civil Works mission areas, including navigation, flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, shoreline protection, and ecosystem restoration. Through *WRDA* legislation, Congress also provides the Corps with authority to address water supply needs to cities, agriculture, and industry, to aid in the production of hydropower, to manage a national recreation program, and to address local environmental infrastructure needs. Regular consideration of locally driven, rigorously studied, and nationally significant Corps infrastructure is key to preserving our nation's economy, to protecting our communities and businesses, and to maintaining our quality of life. This work, typically carried out by the Corps, is made possible through predictable and timely enactment of *WRDA*.

Biennial enactment of *WRDA* also provides Congress with a regular opportunity to oversee Corps policy on the development and implementation of Corps studies and projects.

The Committee will soon be asking House Members to submit project, study, and policy requests for consideration in a *Water Resources Development Act of 2022*. The Committee intends to introduce and consider a *WRDA 2022* this spring and will be providing additional information on the submission process for member projects and policy requests shortly.

In addition, the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment is planning to hold a Member Day hearing on *WRDA 2022* requests on March 16, 2022.

Should you have any questions regarding the *WRDA* process or the upcoming *WRDA* Member Day hearing, contact the Subcommittee Majority staff at (202) 225-0060 or the Minority staff at (202) 225-4360.

In addition, please visit the Committee's *WRDA 2022* website at <https://transportation.house.gov/committee-activity/issue/water-resources-development-act-of-2022> for more information on past *WRDA* legislation, Corps reports, and updates on the *WRDA 2022* development process.

Sincerely,

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