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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy and Leader Schumer:

The California Association of Port Authorities (CAPA), which consists of the 11 public commercial seaports in California, thanks you for your efforts to reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA 2020) and to enact reforms to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF).

We write in strong support of WRDA 2020 and urge Congress to pass the legislation before the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress adjourns. Equitable funding for donor ports – four of which are located in California – as well as expanded uses of funding for in-water infrastructure maintenance and to fortify against seismic activity, which are included in the bill, are top priorities for California ports.

Any delay in enacting WRDA 2020 could delay critical projects and would be particularly troubling in the current economic climate. While CAPA and the broader maritime sector continue to work to secure COVID-19 relief in future legislation, passage of WRDA 2020 is a step that will provide some level of certainty for the nation's water infrastructure needs.

The California Association of Port Authorities sincerely appreciates your work to improve our nation's water infrastructure and hopes to see WRDA 2020 enacted in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

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Chair, California Association of Port Authorities