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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McConnell:

As we approach the end of an exceptionally challenging year, I write to thank you for your continued leadership and urge you to conclude this Congress with the passage of the 2020 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).

We have worked on updating the Harbor Maintenance Trust (HMT) Fund for the Port of Los Angeles; the passage of WRDA would allow for the Fund's equitable distribution to the Port and expand the permitted uses of those funds to better protect against natural disasters. Meanwhile, the L.A. River Ecosystem Project has been working closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public-Private Partnership Pilot Program to extend funding options until 2026. This year's WRDA bill will enable the project to proceed and conclude.

We are hopeful these two policies will unlock these important local institutions' economic potential, given the Port of Los Angeles is the nation's largest container port and the L.A. River is foundational for the upcoming 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. I encourage you to pass the bipartisan 2020 WRDA bill as the 116th Congress ends and we begin rebuilding our country in the post-pandemic world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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