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May 26, 2022

Port Canaveral

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
 Speaker of The House
 U.S. House of Representatives
 1236 Longworth House Office Building
 Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
 Republican Leader
 U.S. House of Representatives
 2468 Rayburn House Office Building
 Washington, DC 20515

Port Everglades

RE: H.R. 7776 – Water Resource Development Act of 2022

Port of Fernandina

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

Port of Fort Pierce

The Florida Ports Council (FPC) serves as the professional association for Florida’s 15 deepwater public seaports and their management. Seaports are one of Florida’s greatest economic assets, positively affecting every region and every resident. Whether moving 100+ million tons of cargo annually or millions of cruise passengers, Florida’s seaports generate and support a vast array of commerce. These seaports are the gateway for shipment of goods into and out of Florida and link our state to vital international markets.

Port of Key West

PortMiami

The FPC supports the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) 2022 (H.R. 7776). We commend and appreciate the bipartisan efforts of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to introduce and pass a new WRDA every two years. These efforts help states like Florida develop and implement maritime job creation and economic development projects at our seaports. This legislation is vital to ensuring an efficient and effective supply chain in Florida and the U.S.

Port of Palm Beach

Port of Panama City

WRDA 2022 authorizes the study and construction of several projects in Florida that are vital to Florida and this nation’s economy. WRDA 2022 also ensures continued Congressional oversight over the U.S. Army Corps. Through our partnership with the Corps, Florida’s seaports are able to provide the infrastructure to get goods from ship to shelf and deliver vital products to Floridians and U.S. citizens.

Port of Pensacola

We fully support the passage of H.R. 7776 and urge you to pass this important supply chain and economic development legislation.

Port of Port St. Joe

Sincerely,



Port St. Pete

Michael Rubin
 President & CEO
 Florida Ports Council

Port Tampa Bay

CC: Chairman Peter DeFazio, Ranking Member Sam Graves, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
 Chairwoman Grace Napolitano, Ranking Member David Rouzer, House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

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