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The Honorable Peter Defazio  
Chairman, Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
2167 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Garret Graves  
Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
2164 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano  
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment  
1610 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment  
209 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Defazio, Chairwoman Napolitano, Ranking Member Graves, and  
Ranking Member Westerman:

On behalf of FuturePorts, I am writing to thank you for your leadership in advancing the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 and to express our strong support for its swift enactment.

FuturePorts is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit advocacy coalition founded in 2005 to help coalesce the Southern California supply chain around the need to both grow the ports and to address the environmental, air quality, and quality of life issues that come with that growth. FuturePorts believes that a vibrant and healthy economic and environmental future for the ports is vital to us all.

Combined, the San Pedro Bay ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach handle more than one third of the nation's containerized imports and exports. In fact, every single Congressional district in the nation is reached by the goods moving through the San

Pedro bay, so maintaining the in-water infrastructure at these ports is essential for American competitiveness in the global economy.

In previous communications we noted that historically the San Pedro Bay ports receive a disproportionately low return of Harbor Maintenance Trust (HMT) revenues, and what they do receive cannot be used for vital infrastructure maintenance. We are grateful that you have recognized the importance of equity for donor ports in your legislation and addressed these priorities:

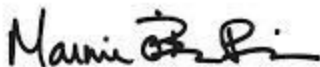
- Fair share of HMT funding for donor ports.
- Expanded uses for emerging harbors and donor ports.
- Extension of the 2106 program for donor and energy transfer ports.

A robust and healthy port industry is vital to our nation's economy. Donor ports, such as the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Hueneme, play a fundamental role in supporting the national freight system and the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. Full spend of HMT revenues (including the trust fund balance), and fair and equitable allocations, will ensure that this important funding is used to enhance our nation's competitiveness.

Language in the recently passed CARES Act includes "full-spend" to be implemented with either the passage of WRDA reauthorization or in January 2021. This makes addressing donor equity and expanded uses extremely urgent and I am grateful for your work to address these vital issues and am happy to express my strong support for this bi-partisan legislation.

We applaud your efforts to address this vital infrastructure need and hope to work with you as this bill moves forward to address the unique requirements of our nation's ports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marnie Primmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "P" at the end.

Marnie Primmer  
Executive Director  
FuturePorts

CC: Peter DeFazio  
Garret Graves  
Grace Napolitano  
Bruce Westerman