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The undersigned organizations would like to request your support of our inland waterway transportation system by passing a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) in any legislation before the 116th Congress ends. It's vital we keep the biennial timeframe for this critical legislation of national significance.

Passage of WRDA which includes a cost change to 65/35 (Federal/Inland Waterway Trust Fund) is critical to keep agriculture competitive in world markets, creates jobs and leads to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

We all use the commodities, the foundations of our economy, that are moved by barges every day. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

IL Corn Growers Association

IL Farm Bureau

IL Fertilizer and Chemical Association

IL Soybean Growers

Grain and Feed Association of Illinois

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