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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Minority Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the more than 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I want to express our union's support for the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022. I would also like to commend Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves for continuing to foster the spirit of bipartisanship that has been the traditional hallmark of infrastructure legislation, and urge a yes vote on the bill.

WRDA 2022 authorizes construction of 16 projects studied and approved by the Chief of Engineers since the last bill was signed into law. It also authorizes 72 new Corps of Engineers feasibility studies and directs the Corps to expedite the completion of 15 ongoing studies which all have local sponsors, willing to share the costs.

The legislation authorizes critical navigation projects and studies to help meet the demands at our ports and ensures we head off future supply chain challenges. Additionally, the bill authorizes the Corps to undertake a study and make recommendations on the nation's dredging capacity, so we can ensure the Corps is able to take full advantage of investments unlocked by WRDA 2020.

It is important that federal support for water infrastructure remains a national priority. The projects authorized by WRDA 2022 are essential to America's economic competitiveness and help protect local communities. LIUNA encourages the U.S. House of Representatives to pass this important infrastructure legislation.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

TERRY O'SULLIVAN

General President

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