



December 7, 2022

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

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Majority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader McConnell:

We write to express our strong support for the passage of the Water Resources and Development Act of 2022 (WRDA). Since 2014, Congress' work to pass bipartisan, bicameral WRDA bills on a biennial basis has provided the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) with key resources and direction to meet the water infrastructure needs of communities across the nation. This year's WRDA authorizes critical investments in the Corps' studies and projects which ensure resiliency of critical infrastructure and will spur economic growth.

In particular, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) supports critical provisions in WRDA authorizing a secondary source study for the National Capital Region and borrowing authority for the Washington Aqueduct. Inclusion of these provisions will help ensure a resilient water supply for the entire Washington Metropolitan Area and provide for the maintenance and capital investments for the Washington Aqueduct.

We thank you for your continued support for water infrastructure and look forward to passage of this year's WRDA prior to the end of the year, either as a standalone bill or as part of an end-of-year legislative package.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy B. Jackson".

Amy Jackson
Chair, COG Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Cc:

The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Chair, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
The Honorable Sam Graves, Ranking Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
The Honorable Tom Carper, Chair, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Ranking Member, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee