



May 9, 2024

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

On behalf of the National Precast Concrete Association (NPCA) and the Precast/Prestressed Institute, we write in support of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024 that the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is marking up soon. The objective of WRDA is to support efforts to improve and invest in all levels of our nation's infrastructure network that are essential to America's economic competitiveness.

NPCA provides industry leadership by promoting quality precast concrete across all markets, addressing industry challenges, and developing opportunities for member success. NPCA members are manufacturers of industrial plant-produced precast concrete products and the suppliers of product and services for the industry. PCI is the technical institute and trade association of the precast/prestressed concrete structures industry. PCI members across the country manufacture quality products used in both architectural and structural applications ranging from buildings to bridges.

As manufacturers of resilient and innovative precast concrete products, our members can supply material to individually authorized U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects for harbors, inland waterway navigation networks, flood and storm protection, clean drinking water, and other water resources infrastructures. We are aware of the important role that your committee and all of Congress plays in authorizing critical public infrastructure projects as well as to evaluate program and policy reforms for the Corps' Civil Works Program.

In this legislation, as in all federally funded infrastructure/construction programs, we believe Congress should maintain a material-neutral approach and should not legislate market share advantages by establishing material-specific deployment programs when executing federal investments. Material choice decisions should be left to engineers and construction professional who have the expertise and local knowledge need to plan and construct projects.



NPCA and PCI appreciate the committee working together to put forward bipartisan reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act. The enactment of another two-year bill to provide billions of dollars in federal investments to build critical water infrastructure projects that will improve our supply chains, mitigate flooding and better our communities. Thank you for drafting responsible WRDA authorization legislation.

Sincerely,

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