



December 1, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
United States Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
United States House of Representatives  
1236 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
United States House of Representatives  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022**

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

On behalf of Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA), I write to express our strong support for urgent passage of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022. PNWA supports keeping WRDA on a two-year schedule to ensure timely and consistent authorization of navigation projects and improvements to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers policies. This bipartisan legislation consistently balances the needs of waterways, ports, and communities of all sizes across our nation and helps to modernize Corps policies and practices to ensure more efficient and safe movement of trade. The Pacific Northwest is one of the most heavily trade dependent regions in our country. PNWA supports the economic development, maintenance of domestic agriculture and other industries, bolstering of domestic manufacturing, ensuring navigation infrastructure resiliency, and shoring up supply chains that this legislation addresses.

PNWA has over 150 members, including ports, barge companies, steamship operators, grain elevator operators, agricultural producers, electric utilities, irrigation districts, and union labor throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Our association supports projects to advance and protect the region's navigation infrastructure, freight mobility, economic health, and the environment. We support the region's multi-modal transportation system, which provides safe, efficient, and reliable links to competitive domestic and world markets.

We understand the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee have been negotiating in good faith to address Corps policies and projects and have reached an agreement on a WRDA bill in a commendable bi-partisan fashion. The legislation was carefully crafted to avoid controversial provisions and to

provide some flexibility to the Corps to address resiliency of infrastructure to protect life, property, and important Federal investments and assets.

As we collectively continue to recover from the pandemic, severe weather, natural disasters, and supply chain disruptions, keeping our navigation infrastructure well-maintained will protect U.S. jobs and also boost economic development in both urban and rural communities. PNWA and our members appreciate your consideration and ask for prioritization in passing this legislation before Congress adjourns. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Dena Horton, PNWA Government Relations Director at [dena.horton@pnwa.net](mailto:dena.horton@pnwa.net).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Stebbings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Heather Stebbings  
Executive Director  
Pacific Northwest Waterways Association

CC: The Honorable Tom Carper (D, DE)  
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito (R, WV)  
The Honorable Peter DeFazio (D, OR-4)  
The Honorable Sam Graves (R, MO-6)