



December 1, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives

RE: 2022 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Legislation

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

The Port of Long Beach (Port) stands in strong support of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022 and we urge final passage of this critical legislation.

The Port handles trade valued at more than \$200 billion annually, supports 2.6 million jobs across the nation and is one of the few U.S. ports that can welcome today's largest vessels, serving 175 shipping lines with connections to 217 seaports around the world. Together with the Port of Los Angeles, the San Pedro Bay Ports Complex moves more than 40% of our Nation's waterborne goods. We are quite literally the epicenter of where the box meets the docks.

However, as the world's shipping fleet has produced larger ships, the existing channel depths and widths do not all meet the draft requirements of the fleet of vessels that call on the Port. Construction authorization of the Port's deep draft navigation project, as included in WRDA 2022, will provide the Port with necessary federal approval to build for the future all while providing safe and reliable waterborne transportation efficiencies.

This project has been years in the making and it is a central component of the Port's masterplan. The Port has long been focused on making every aspect of our operations more resilient. From increasing our rail capacity to reducing dwell times for shippers and improving air quality, we have always been focused on the bigger picture. And deepening the Port is a key component of that bigger picture.

We applaud the commitment of the House Transportation & Infrastructure and Senate Environment & Public Works committees in maintaining a bipartisan approach to this important water resources legislation and we urge you to uphold bi-annual passage of this bill. For the Port of Long Beach and our industry partners, WRDA is a "must pass" bill.



Again, thank you for your leadership. We look forward to continue working with you and your staff on the passage of 2022 WRDA legislation. If we may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Eleanor Torres, Director of Government Relations, at (562) 756-8383 or Eleanor.Torres@polb.com, or me at (562) 822-8554 or Mario.Cordero@polb.com

Sincerely,

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Cc: The Honorable Tom Carper, Chair, Senate Environment & Public Works Committee
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Ranking Member, Senate Environment & Public Works Committee
The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Chair, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
The Honorable Sam Graves, Ranking Member, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, US Senate
The Honorable Alex Padilla, US Senate
The Honorable Grace Napolitano, US House of Representatives
The Honorable Alan Lowenthal, US House of Representatives
The Honorable Nanette Barragan, US House of Representatives