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

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

The Honorable Jim Clyburn
Majority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Hoyer, Whip Clyburn, Leader McCarthy, Leader McConnell, and Leader Schumer:

I am writing on behalf of the Port of Redwood City to request quick action on the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (WRDA 2020). WRDA 2020 contains provisions that will substantially increase the amount of funding available for dredging projects in Redwood City and around the nation which are critical to the efficient and cost-effective movement of goods into and out of the country.

The Port of Redwood City is located in the southern part of San Francisco Bay. Channel depth is very important to the Port, given that the ships that call at Redwood City handle heavy commodities, including exported scrap metal and imported construction aggregate, including sand, gravel and crushed stone, much of which is used for construction projects in Silicon Valley. If the channel is not maintained to its authorized depth of -30 feet, ships that would normally call at the Port of Redwood City are forced to move material onto barges to "light-load" their ships, or they are forced to call on other ports in the San Francisco Bay Area. Neither option makes much sense. Moving material onto barges is highly inefficient and adds significant cost to the companies that utilize the port, and trucking materials from other ports to their final destination affects nearly everyone in the Bay Area in the form of additional highway congestion and reduced safety, as well as increased air emissions and added highway maintenance costs.

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The Port of Redwood City supports a significant amount of economic activity in the San Francisco Bay Area and a lack of dredging due to insufficient funding has consequences for the entire region. I hope you will take quick action on WRDA 2020 and ensure that sufficient funding is available for dredging projects in Redwood City and around the country.

Sincerely,



Kristine A. Zortman
Executive Director

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Kamala Harris
Congresswoman Jackie Speier