



December 8, 2022

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Leader Schumer, Ranking Member McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Ranking Member McCarthy—

The Atlanta Regional Commission writes to express our strong support for the Water Resources Development Act of 2022. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the chairs, ranking members, and members of the House Transportation Committee and Senate Environment and Public Works Committee for their tireless efforts to develop and reach consensus on this important legislation.

WRDA 2022 is an important and unmistakable demonstration of bipartisan support for water resources infrastructure in the United States and critical to adhere to its historical two-year legislative cycle. We commend you for keeping this promise to the American people to prioritize water resources and infrastructure needs and pass the 2022 WRDA bill on time.

For the Atlanta region we serve, passage of WRDA 2022 is a vital step that will continue to improve water infrastructure, water quality, and the environment. Among other things, this legislation will facilitate environmental study and restoration throughout the Chattahoochee River Basin; provide for safety enhancements at Buford Dam; authorize needed funds for improvements to rural water systems; enhance opportunities for non-Federal stakeholders to engage with the Corps on water management issues; and allow needed improvements to the ports in Georgia on which we all depend.

Again, we applaud the leadership of the committees and the support of House and Senate leadership in reaching consensus on WRDA 2022. We urge you to take this legislation up and to pass it during this Congress.

Sincerely,

Anna Roach
Executive Director