



December 7, 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 Congressional Leadership—

The National Water Supply Alliance (NWSA) strongly supports the passage of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022. NWSA greatly appreciates the commitment and effort by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to consistently produce a meaningful and impactful bipartisan water resources bill every two years. Addressing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers policies, programs, and projects on a regular basis is critical to ensuring the efficient and effective management of the nation's water resources. WRDA 2022 is a welcome enhancement to Corps authorities and directives.

NWSA is an independent advocacy group representing users of water storage at Corps of Engineers reservoirs, and we absolutely support the bipartisan WRDA process and thank Congress for engaging with non-federal partners and stakeholders in particular. NWSA works closely with the Committees, as well as Corps of Engineers leadership and staff to define and refine Corps policy on managing water supply at Corps reservoirs to optimize reservoir usage now and into the future. The discussions with the Corps continue to be candid and productive. NWSA is committed to helping Congress and the Corps to implement WRDA 2022, and we look forward to working with the Congress and the Corps to address the nation's water supply challenges and to strengthen water supply policy for future generations.

Thank you for focusing attention on the nation's water resources needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Mitamura".

Dave Mitamura
Executive Director

Cc: The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio, Chair, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
The Honorable Sam Graves, Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano, Chair, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
The Honorable David Rouzer, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment

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