

June 3, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

The Portland Cement Association (PCA), which represents the cement industry, appreciates the House of Representatives moving forward on the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 to advance critical water resource projects across the country. We appreciate the opportunity to share the cement industry's perspective on this critical legislation.

Our nation's waterways play a critical role in the movement of cement from manufacturing plant to market. Annually, the cement industry ships approximately 35 percent of our product from plants to terminals by barge, demonstrating these systems are vital for American commerce. Additionally, water infrastructure construction is a critical market for cement in the United States. For every billion invested in water infrastructure construction, approximately 211,000 metric tons of cement are consumed.

Passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 is important to continuing the two-year cycle of passing legislation to authorize and study new U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) projects. By advancing 72 Corps feasibility studies, eight studies to modify existing projects, and authorizing 16 projects with final Chief's Reports for construction, the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 will advance projects to help communities across the country address restoration, flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, and hurricane and storm risk reduction.

Again, we applaud the House of Representatives for moving forward with the Water Resources Development Act of 2022. PCA looks forward to working with Congress to continue the cycle of passing a Water Resources Development Act biennially to advance critical water infrastructure projects in communities across the country. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Sean O'Neill, PCA's Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, at (703) 321-6792 or sonell@cement.org.

Sincerely,



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