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Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
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Speaker Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: AGC Support for Senate amendment to H.R. 7776 - Water Resources Development Act of 2022

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

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) – the leading association in the construction industry representing more than 27,000 firms, including America’s leading general contractors, specialty-contracting firms, service providers, and suppliers – I urge passage of the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA 2022) as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023.

WRDA 2022 is an essential step forward as Congress works to continue the biennial process of passing legislation that invests in our nation’s water resources infrastructure. The predictability of the biennial passage of water resources development acts is critical for all stakeholders involved in the planning and execution of water resources projects. Through these investments, WRDA 2022 will create jobs, improve the quality of life for all Americans, protect our communities, facilitate waterborne commerce, restore environmentally sensitive areas of the country, and help grow our economy.

AGC appreciates that the bill will help ensure that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Civil Works Program is appropriately responsive to the water resources needs identified by local communities. Specifically, the bill authorizes 94 new feasibility studies and the construction of 25 water resource projects. WRDA 2022 invests in our harbors and inland waterways, which helps to ensure construction materials make it to the job site in a timely manner.

AGC thanks the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for working together to produce a bipartisan WRDA 2022. This compromise demonstrates that Congress can find bipartisan solutions to address America’s infrastructure needs.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Chairman Tom Carper
Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito
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Ranking Member Sam Graves