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Chairman Tom Carper
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Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito,

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 thank you for your work on the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA 2022), which is expected to be considered by the Environment and Public Works Committee this week.

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 (Corps) Civil Works Program is appropriately responsive to the water resources needs identified by local communities. Specifically, the bill authorizes 21 Corps Chief’s Reports, which will facilitate important water resources projects across the country and authorizes 36 new feasibility studies. We also support the increased flexibility, and commitment to expediting reviews and studies that this legislation would provide. Finally, this legislation continues to have an increased focus on projects that support economic development.

Thank you again for your leadership in demonstrating that Congress can find bipartisan solutions to address America’s infrastructure needs. We look forward to continuing to work with you as this legislation advances through the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James V. Christianson'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James V. Christianson
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