



July 23, 2026

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and
Public Works
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment and
Public Works
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Capito and Ranking Member Whitehouse:

The American Cement Association, the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, and the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association thank the Committee for introducing and passing the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2026 by unanimous consent. We urge the U.S. Senate to pass WRDA swiftly to advance critical water infrastructure projects across the country.

The construction materials produced by our combined membership are foundational to a range of different Corps projects, from locks and dams to flood control and storm risk reduction. Additionally, our members depend on these waterways to ship our product to market by barge, demonstrating that these systems are vital for American commerce.

WRDA 2026 provides the predictable, long-term investments our industries need to plan. Further, the construction materials industry supports the Senate's inclusion of the EPA's water infrastructure programs contained in this legislation.

As the bill moves through the Senate, we would like to ensure that no changes are made that could negatively impact the delivery of construction materials for projects funded through WRDA 2026. These include:

- Any changes to the current Buy America exemption for the construction material supply chain and the materials our member associations produce
- Any attempts to influence market conditions that would favor one construction material over another, whether legacy or emerging materials
- Any provisions that could disadvantage the collective membership of our associations in the competitive marketplace

By advancing WRDA, Congress maintains the critical biennial passage of legislation that authorizes Corps projects and policies. Our trade associations look forward to working with you to ensure the swift passage of WRDA.

Sincerely,

American Cement Association
National Asphalt Pavement Association

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association