



June 30, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

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 the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2026. We urge swift passage of WRDA 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 for the future. Specifically, we support the bill's provisions to authorize:

- 10 vital Corps construction projects focused on navigation, flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, and storm damage reduction;
- 107 new feasibility studies and modifications to 24 existing studies; and
- The expedited completion of 53 feasibility studies and 17 Chief's Reports.

As the Committee prepares for markup, we would like to ensure that no changes are made to the bill that could negatively impact the delivery of construction materials for projects funded through the 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