

October 9, 2018

Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Tom Carper, Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) writes to express our support for the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (S. 3021). AASHTO is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing the State transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. We represent all five transportation modes: air, highways, public transportation, rail, and water. Our primary goal is to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system. Our members work closely with USDOT agencies to operate, maintain, and improve the nation's transportation system.

The result of bipartisan and bicameral negotiations, the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 authorizes critical U.S. Army Corps of Engineers port, waterway, flood protection, and other water infrastructure improvements across the country. Water transportation is a vital element of the national multimodal transportation system and essential to the efficient movement of freight. Improving and modernizing our ports, harbors, and waterways will ensure our nation's economic competitiveness.

AASHTO appreciates the bipartisan effort that has gone into reaching an agreement on this important legislation and we look forward to its swift passage by the Senate.

Regards,



Bud Wright
Executive Director