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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Democratic Leader Schumer:

The American Petroleum Institute (API), with over 625 members representing all facets of the oil and natural gas industry, supports S. 3021, America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018.

Water infrastructure is critically important to America's economy. In 2016, over 2 billion tons of goods valued at \$2 trillion were moved through the U.S. waterborne transportation system, with over 40 percent of the tonnage comprised of crude and petroleum products¹. This infrastructure facilitates energy trade flows across the United States and around the world, helping to ensure that American and global consumers have access to affordable energy.

The oil and natural gas industry is focused on the safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible transportation of our products, which makes the work of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) so important. S. 3021 maintains the biennial schedule for water infrastructure project authorization, brings greater transparency to the regulatory process, and calls for greater efficiencies in Corps management, demonstrating a strong commitment to the maintenance and construction of port and water infrastructure that will keep the U.S. globally competitive.

API urges the U.S. Senate to approve S. 3021.

Sincerely,

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¹ ICF, preliminary findings from "Potential Economic Benefits from Improved USACE Processes".