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June 29, 2016

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
S-230, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Cornyn  
Majority Whip  
S-208, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Majority Whip Cornyn:

We're writing to ask that you bring the Water Resources and Development Act of 2016 (WRDA 2016) to the floor for consideration and final passage before the summer recess. This bill is a clear representation of the legislative accomplishments we, as a conference, have achieved in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress – strong bipartisan support, substantive reforms that benefit our nation as a whole, and a return to regular order expected of us by the American people.

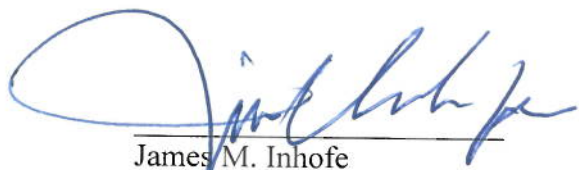
WRDA 2016 passed the Committee on Environment and Public Works on April 28<sup>th</sup> by a 19-1 vote. It contains substantive reforms and authorizations that prepare our nation to compete in the global marketplace, strengthen protections for coastal and inland communities from disastrous floodwaters, modernize Corps policy to ensure efficient and effective project delivery, and create mechanisms to provide affordable clean water and safe drinking water infrastructure. Lastly, this bill fulfills a commitment 91 Senators made two years ago when they voted for the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 conference report:

*"It is the sense of Congress that, because the missions of the Corps of Engineers are so unique and benefit all individuals in the United States and because water resources development projects are critical to maintaining economic prosperity, national security, and environmental protection, Congress should consider a water resources bill not less than once every Congress."*

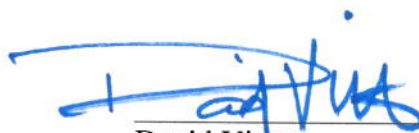
As noted in the aforementioned Sense of Congress, it is our responsibility to pass this bipartisan legislation as soon as possible. This legislation transcends the political fights in Washington and gives us the opportunity to make good on our promise, and prove to our constituents we can still get things done.

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), WRDA 2016 is not only paid for but will save taxpayers \$6 million over the next 10 years. With the economic and safety benefits associated with WRDA 2016, passing this legislation will be a victory for all Americans. We thank you for your consideration and, as always, look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chairman  
Environment and Public Works



David Vitter  
United States Senator



Bill Cassidy  
United States Senator



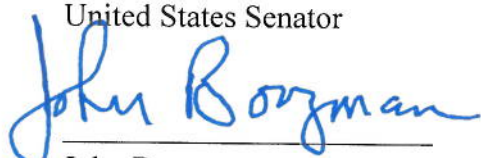
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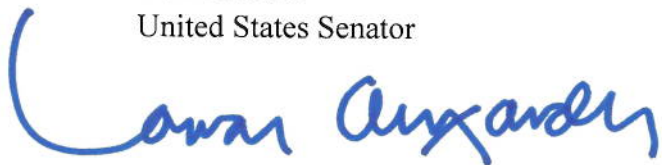
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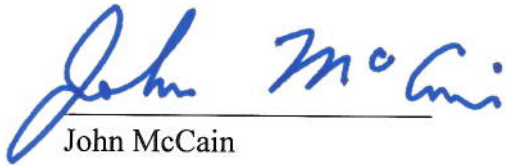
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United States Senator



Lamar Alexander  
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Mike Rounds  
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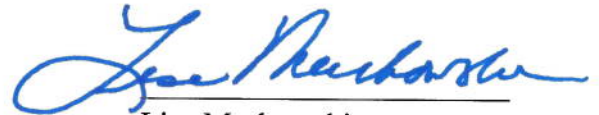
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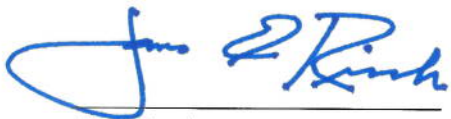
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