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The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association is pleased to support America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 which was introduced today by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman John Barrasso, and Ranking Member Tom Carper along with Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee Chair Jim Inhofe and Ranking Member Ben Cardin.

This legislation is an important step forward for the nation's water resources needs. The broad scope of issues covered in the bill and authorization of very needed projects is an important piece needed to address the nation's infrastructure management improvements.

ASBPA welcomes the new considerations the bill includes to increase the resilience of coastal communities. This legislation provides opportunity to rethink how and why we as a nation invest in critical water resources. The many damaging coastal storms of the past few years clearly remind us why taking care of our coastal defenses is a vital need. We continue to need to invest in well planned and engineered defenses against storms and use natural features to do so as often as we can. This bill takes us a needed step forward in improving our coastal defenses.

This bill represents the best of Congress in the way both parties united to address critical needs of the Nation. I speak for the many members of ASBPA in thanking you for the bipartisan work that went into creating this bill. We look forward to continuing to work with the EPW Committee as this bill moves forward.

Please call on us for anything we can do to help in your work to accomplish passing this bill. We look forward to providing science and technologically backed expertise if the Committee needs our assistance.

Very truly yours,



Anthony P. Pratt  
President