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The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on the
Environment & Public Works

The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on the
Environment & Public Works

RE: S. 2800, America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), I would like to thank you for the introduction of S. 2800, "America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018," and continuing the biennial passage of a water resources development authorization bill. This bipartisan bill is positive step forward as Congress looks to address our nation's water infrastructure needs. As such, AGC is supportive of the legislation and encourages the committee to report it favorably.

S. 2800 authorizes essential construction projects executed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) that help protect Americans from floods and natural disasters, ensure clean and safe drinking water reaches homes, enable the nation's waterborne commerce to reach harbors on the coasts and inland waterway ports, and restore environmentally sensitive areas of the country. In particular, AGC strongly supports the inclusion of the "Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now Act (SRF WIN Act) and the reauthorization of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA). Additionally, AGC is pleased to see language is not included in the bill that would authorize appropriations for purchase of a USACE owned and operated hopper dredge. Further, we appreciate the further improvements to the regulatory permitting process that will help with timely project delivery.

Again, thank you for your introduction of America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 and your continued commitment to improving our nation's water infrastructure. We look forward to working with you to secure passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. O'Neill", is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

Sean O'Neill
Vice President, Congressional Relations & Infrastructure Advancement

Cc: Members of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Environment & Public Works