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410 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Tom Carper
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RE: R.D. James, Nominee for Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works

Dear Senators,

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and its 26,000 construction company members, I write in support of the nomination of R.D. James to Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA-CW).

As a member of the Mississippi River Commission (MRC) for more than 35 years, Mr. James is uniquely qualified to serve as ASA-CW. During his long tenure at the MRC, Mr. James has proved to be a practical, performance driven official who achieves positive results for American taxpayers. Mr. James has endeavored to create effective navigation, prevent destructive floods, and promote the flow of commerce in a drainage basin that covers 41 percent of the United States. At MRC, Mr. James has tirelessly worked to focus MRC to achieving its core mission: lead sustainable management and development of water related resources for the nation's benefit and the people's well-being.

Mr. James is a competent and proven administrator with well-documented experience in civil works. For these reasons, I write in support of the nomination of R.D. James to ASA-CW.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sgt E SL".

Stephen E. Sandherr
Chief Executive Officer
The Associated General Contractors of America