

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 4, 2013

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democrat Leader
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, District of Columbia 20515

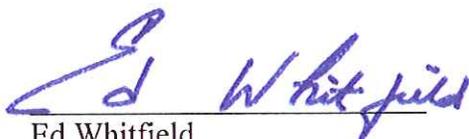
Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi,

We are writing to express our support for the House of Representatives to appoint conferees, so that work can continue towards a bi-cameral water resources development bill.

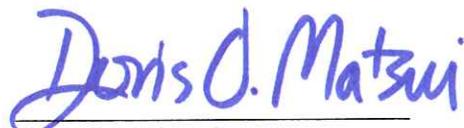
The enactment of a water resources development bill is of vital importance to the economic well-being of our nation. America must have a strong waterways system in order to be competitive in the global marketplace. On October 23, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act by a vote of 417 to 3. This bill makes necessary changes to our ports, harbors, and our inland waterways system. It also makes fundamental reforms to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers planning and project delivery process, and strengthens Congressional oversight of projects. The water resources development legislation authorizes environmental restoration, hydropower, flood and dam safety projects, and ensures that our nation's levees, that protect our local communities from devastating floods, hurricanes, and other natural disasters, will be repaired and maintained.

Traditionally, Congress passes a water resources bill every two years. However, Congress has not acted since 2007. It is time to reform and strengthen America's waterways and infrastructure. In May the Senate passed their bi-partisan water resources bill by a vote of 83-14. There is strong bipartisan/bicameral support for this legislation, and we respectfully urge you to appoint conferees and allow the legislative process to continue as quickly as possible. We appreciate your consideration of our request.

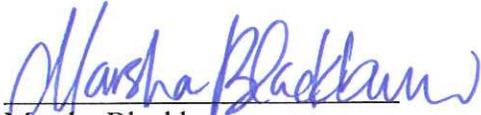
Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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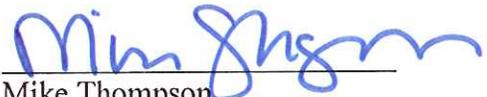
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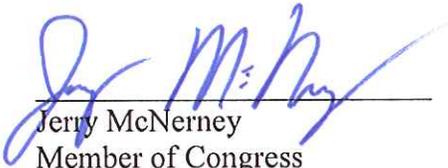
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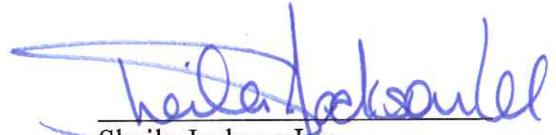
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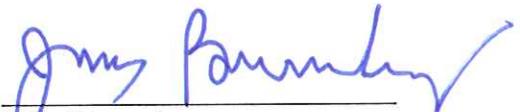
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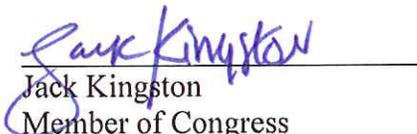
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