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United States Senate
The Honorable Tom Carper
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Washington, D.C.

Delivered via E-mail

RE: Water Resources Development Act (S. 4136)

Dear Senate Environment & Public Works Committee Chair Carper and Ranking Member Moore Capito:

Membership of the Interstate Council on Water Policy (ICWP) includes state and interstate water resources management agencies, each who work closely with the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in the efficient management of water resources in their respective states or interstate river basins. We understand that the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2022 will be considered for Senate floor discussion soon. **ICWP offers strong support for its passage in a timely manner.**

WRDA traditionally passes on a regular, two-year authorization cycle. Thank you for keeping to this schedule and prioritizing this bipartisan effort. This is one of the most significant pieces of water resources legislation that greenlights federal projects to serve interests of all Americans.

In the meantime, please be aware that ICWP has long advocated for the need to improve the ability of non-federal partners to be active equals on Corps-partnered projects. As WRDA 2022 legislation is finalized, we ask that limited joint or several liability for non-federal sponsors of projects and studies associated with Corps Project Partnership Agreements (PPAs) to be broadly applied for projects nationwide. At the appropriate time, we would like to engage with Environment & Public Works committee staff further on this matter.

If you have any questions regarding these comments as WRDA 2022 is debated, please contact me at: Beth@icwp.org or 307-772-1999. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this input.

Regards,

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CC:

The Honorable Ben Cardin, Chairman, Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee
The Honorable Kevin Cramer, Ranking Member, Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee