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United States Senate
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Floor Leader
The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Minority Floor Leader
Washington, D.C.

Delivered via E-mail

RE: America's Water Infrastructure Act (S. 3591)

Dear Leaders McConnell and Schumer:

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 have reviewed the America's Water Infrastructure Act (S. 3591), as well as the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 recently passed in the House (HR 7575). While there are remaining provisions that our membership hoped would be included, **we urge Congress to work together and pass a water resources development act (WRDA) in this congressional session.**

In addition to the worthy projects authorized in these pieces of legislation, other policy clarifications are also desirable to enact. Provisions such as the beneficial use of dredged material and promoting resiliency planning in disadvantaged communities are supported by our members. A more detailed letter listing specific provisions which ICWP supports was sent to you in May and is attached for easy reference. Maintaining the schedule of enacting a WRDA bill every two years gives more certainty for water resources planning throughout the nation.

ICWP stresses the importance of coordinating and communicating with states and interstate river commissions on these important water topics. ICWP members urge Congress to engage state water resource agencies during legislative development, as well as the implementation, both directly and through executive agency actions. Please don't hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Sue Lowry (Sue@ICWP.org or 307-630-5804) if you have questions concerning these comments. Thank you for your leadership to find common ground in order to pass a WRDA bill soon.

With best regards,

Amy L. Shallcross, P.E.
ICWP Chair

Cc: Senate EPW committee leadership