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Hon. Bill Shuster
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House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
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Hon. Peter A. DeFazio
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Hon. Bob Gibbs
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Hon. Grace Napolitano
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Dear Chairman Shuster, Ranking Member DeFazio, Chairman Gibbs and Ranking Member Grace Napolitano,

The National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) greatly appreciates all of your efforts to draft and introduce the Water Resources Development Act of 2016.

NAFSMA offers its support of WRDA 2016 and urges approval of the legislation as soon as possible to keep reauthorization of this vital water resources bill on a two-year schedule. The enactment of WRDA this year is necessary to move critical flood damage reduction projects forward throughout the nation as well as needed ecosystem restoration and navigation projects forward. H.R. 5303 will also help to move a number of provisions in the WRRDA 2014 bill closer to implementation and includes a number of policy provisions that are needed to improve the ongoing partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its non-federal partners.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you move WRDA 2016 forward.

Sincerely,

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