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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I am writing to urge you to support H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA). The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed this important job-creating legislation with a unanimous vote.

The legislation authorizes U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works programs and reforms important policies related to navigation, flood risk management, recreation, infrastructure and environmental stewardship. These investments in the nation's navigation network are overdue and will create needed jobs in the construction sector where the unemployment rate in August was 9.1%.

The projects that will be authorized in H.R. 3080 will also improve our nation's competitiveness across a wide sector of the economy. Waterways are critical to keeping our domestic supply chain efficient and competitive. The WRRDA will allow the nation to modernize lock and dam infrastructure, improve flood protection, upgrade deficient levees, and maintain our ports, harbors and key navigational channels.

Passing this legislation will create jobs and ensure that the U.S. continues to have a world-class maritime transportation system. We urge you to vote for H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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