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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nick J. Rahall II
Ranking Member
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
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The Honorable Bob Gibbs
Chairman
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
B370 Rayburn Building
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The Honorable Timothy H. Bishop
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
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Dear Chairman Shuster, Ranking Member Rahall, Subcommittee Chairman Gibbs and Ranking Member Bishop:

Thank you for your leadership on H.R. 3080, the "Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013." We write in strong support of this bipartisan legislation and applaud the collaborative approach you have taken in drafting this important legislation.

H.R. 3080 will improve our domestic water distribution system, which benefits everyone, including the cement and concrete industries. This is what businesses, consumers, and our economy need right now. H.R. 3080 provides essential measures to improve the project delivery process and to help enhance the efficiency of the work being done by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. H.R. 3080 is also fiscally responsible and fully offset.

Our nation's cement and concrete industries also appreciate the attention in the bill given to resilient construction and the importance of building with durable, resilient, and sustainable materials and practices. In this respect, Section 11001 of the Senate passed bill provides a definition of resilient construction that complements and gives meaning to this important topic. Indeed, a National Institute of Building Sciences Multi-Hazard Mitigation Council study reported that every dollar spent on reducing the potential impact of disasters saves society an average of \$4.00. Resilient construction is especially critical in the current fiscal climate. We are grateful that the value of resilient construction is recognized in the bill, and look forward to working with you to define resilient construction in the final legislation.

Thank you again for your leadership on H.R. 3080. We stand ready to help you in your efforts to enact the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013.

Sincerely,

Portland Cement Association
American Coal Ash Association
American Concrete Pavement Association
American Concrete Pipe Association
American Concrete Pumping Association
American Society of Concrete Contractors
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute
Mason Contractors Association of America
National Concrete Masonry Association
National Precast Concrete Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Slag Association
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
Slag Cement Association