

The Honorable Bill Shuster (PA-9)  
Chairman, House Transportation &  
Infrastructure Committee  
2209 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nick Rahall (WV-3)  
Ranking Member, House Transportation &  
Infrastructure Committee  
2307 Rayburn House Office Building  
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September 14, 2013

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member Rahall:

As Executive Director of NACE International, The Corrosion Society, I am writing in support of H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform & Redevelopment Act of 2013 (WRRDA) as introduced on September 11. On behalf of our members, I am pleased to see the introduction of this bipartisan bill and eagerly await its path forward in the House of Representatives and Congress.

At a time when our nation's infrastructure is aging and in need of repair, the Water Resources Reform & Redevelopment Act of 2013 provides support for America's ports and waterway infrastructure and offers flood protection and environmental restoration solutions for some of the nation's most vulnerable areas. Among other things, the legislation promotes U.S. competitiveness and international trade by investing in America's waterway infrastructure. WRRDA reforms outdated policies by cutting bureaucratic red tape and strengthening Congressional oversight. The bill promotes innovation and promotes partnerships with the private sector that will improve our infrastructure in the future. Additionally, WRRDA is fiscally responsible. The legislation contains no earmarks and fully offsets new investment with the deauthorization of old, inactive projects. Finally, the bill provides a clear foundation that will help the Federal Government, State Governments, and the private sector develop, maintain, and support America's water infrastructure needs.

As the world's leading resource for corrosion control information, education and knowledge, NACE International is a technical society composed of more than 32,000 individual members with expertise in corrosion science and engineering. Our members work together on more than 350 technical committees to produce trusted industry standards. The organization provides the most specified technical training and certification programs, conferences, reports, and publications dedicated to the control and prevention of corrosion. NACE's mission is to protect people, assets, and the environment from the effects of corrosion, which costs the United States more than \$450 billion on annual basis.

NACE International is pleased to see bipartisan legislation that addresses the challenges of our nation's aging waterway infrastructure. We look forward to working with Members of the House Transportation Committee, Members of the House of Representatives, and Congressional staff as WRRDA moves forward.

Sincerely,

Bob Chalker  
Executive Director, NACE International