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The Honorable Bill Shuster, Chairman
House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
2209 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nick Rahall, Ranking Member
House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member Rahall:

On behalf of the 140,000 members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), I am writing to express NAHB's support of H.R. 3080, the *Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA)*. As a WRRDA reauthorization bill has not been passed since 2007, we commend the Committee for its consideration and urge it to favorably report the bill to the full House of Representatives

NAHB specifically supports provisions of the legislation that would authorize water resources development and conservation projects that have a completed report from the Army Corps' Chief of Engineers. It is important to invest in our nation's infrastructure in order to protect vulnerable communities from the cost and damages caused by flooding. At a time when the government should display fiscal restraint, NAHB applauds the Committee's decision to limit the authorization of water resource projects to those that have been fully vetted by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

We commend the Chairman and Ranking Member for their bipartisan efforts and use of an open and transparent process in advancing the WRRDA legislation. NAHB looks forward to working with you in hopes of securing passage of this WRRDA reauthorization bill. Thank you for giving consideration to our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James W. Tobin III', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James W. Tobin III

CC: All members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.