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Congressman Bill Shuster  
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Congressman Nick Rahall II  
Ranking Member, House Committee on  
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Rahall:

On behalf of Reclamation District No. 17, a flood control agency charged with operating and maintaining Project Levees completed by the USACE in the 1960's which now protect over 50,000 people, thousands of residential structures and billions of dollars of property, we write today to applaud the bipartisan efforts of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in crafting the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2013 (H.R. 3080). This important step is vitally important to public safety and local fiscal issues and we strongly support passage by the Committee.

As drafted, WRRDA includes many measures that will help Reclamation District No. 17 move forward with its projects (including correction of deficiencies in the Project Levees). These measures will help reduce flood risks in a responsible and expeditious manner while simultaneously making the Federal role in flood damage reduction more efficient.

Thank you for your leadership in making WRRDA a priority.

Yours very truly,



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