

October 9, 2018

Honorable Bill Shuster, Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Peter DeFazio, Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) writes to express our support for the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (S. 3021). AASHTO is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing the State transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. We represent all five transportation modes: air, highways, public transportation, rail, and water. Our primary goal is to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system. Our members work closely with USDOT agencies to operate, maintain, and improve the nation's transportation system.

The result of bipartisan and bicameral negotiations, the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 authorizes critical U.S. Army Corps of Engineers port, waterway, flood protection, and other water infrastructure improvements across the country. Water transportation is a vital element of the national multimodal transportation system and essential to the efficient movement of freight. Improving and modernizing our ports, harbors, and waterways will ensure our nation's economic competitiveness.

AASHTO appreciates the bipartisan effort that secured passage of this important legislation in the House. We look forward to its swift approval by the Senate and it becoming law in the 115th Congress.

Regards,



Bud Wright
Executive Director