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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 8, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2018, introduced by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) and Ranking Member Peter DeFazio (D-OR).

The NAM supports transportation policies that invest in infrastructure over the long-term and related systems to ensure U.S. manufacturing competitiveness. The bipartisan WRDA bill will help manufacturers continue to efficiently move goods by ensuring reliable federal investments in these critical pieces of our nation's supply chain. Reliable and consistent authorizations for Army Corps civil works projects are required to upgrade and modernize harbors and ports as well as aging inland waterway lock systems, many of which have been around since the Depression's public works expansion era or post-World War II.

H.R. 8 upholds the two-year legislative authorization cycle to ensure certainty for manufacturers who rely on the movement of goods through ports and inland waterways. It authorizes Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, as well as studies to initiate such projects. Additionally, H.R. 8 builds upon current regulatory improvements within the Army Corps to improve and accelerate project delivery.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 8, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 115th Congress. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote