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Immediate Attention Requested

July 13, 2026

**To: Members of the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Committee members' staff assigned to steel and/or water infrastructure issues**

SUPPORT THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2026 (WRDA 2026)

Background: The American steel industry relies on a healthy and stable national marine transportation system. Steel producers heavily depend on inland waterways, seaports, locks and dams for transporting raw materials to their plants and finished products to end users in the market. Critical U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) investment in repairs and construction of important inland navigation projects is necessary for our industry's competitiveness.

Situation: The Water Resources Development Act of 2026 (WRDA 2026) is bipartisan legislation to authorize and fund key Corps investments across the country. The bill authorizes 131 new feasibility studies for local water resources infrastructure projects and ten projects that are ready for construction authorization. These projects will further facilitate the operations of American waterways infrastructure, in addition to serving as important market opportunities for the use of domestic steel products. Additionally, the bill includes several policy changes to improve infrastructure project delivery that are critical to the steel industry and our customers. It also continues the Congressional pattern of biennial passage of WRDA legislation, reflecting continued widespread support for key water infrastructure investments.

Request: Please vote in support of the WRDA 2026 when it is considered by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee tomorrow. This bipartisan WRDA legislation would facilitate critical investments in our nation's waterborne transportation system and enhance the economic competitiveness of the domestic steel industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Dempsey".

Kevin M. Dempsey
President and CEO