



July 6, 2016

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Majority Leader McCarthy:

We write to you as a diverse coalition comprising representatives of the drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, flood risk management and local government sectors to urge the House to consider HR 5303, the *Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016* as quickly as possible so that Congress completes work on it this year.

WRDA is bipartisan legislation that passed the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee unanimously on May 25th. The bill authorizes critical U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects that drive investment in navigation, flood management, and ecosystem restoration and also includes a common sense provision to help municipalities achieve stormwater-related goals.

Communities across the country of all sizes stand to directly benefit from WRDA, but time is running short to enact the bill this year and maintain its two-year authorization cycle. We therefore urge you to bring this important legislation before the full House as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

U.S. Conference of Mayors  
National Association of Counties  
National League of Cities  
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies  
American Public Works Association  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Water Works Association  
National Association of Clean Water Agencies  
National Association of Flood & Stormwater Management Agencies  
National Association of Regional Councils  
National Rural Water Association  
Rural Community Assistance Partnership Inc.  
Water Environment & Reuse Foundation  
Water Environment Federation  
Water Research Foundation  
WateReuse Association