

May 26, 2017

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
S-128 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20510
c/o Bruce Evans

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, DC 20510
c/o Chuck Kieffer

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
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c/o Jen Armstrong

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
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c/o Samantha Nelson

Chairmen Cochran and Alexander, Ranking Members Leahy and Feinstein:

The undersigned ports express their gratitude for your leadership in funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) navigation program at \$2.6 billion for FY 2017, including over \$642 million in programmatic funding increases. We appreciate the Donor and Energy Transfer Ports funding of \$28 million, as authorized in Section 2106 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014.

Each of you recognizes, and has been a champion encouraging others to recognize, the nexus between water resources development and economic prosperity. For that, we thank you. We must maintain our navigation channels for safe and efficient freight movement over the long term.

We look forward to working with you and members of the Subcommittee and full Committee on the FY 2018 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill for USACE navigation funding, including the full \$50 million for Donor and Energy Transfer Ports authorized in WRRDA.

Sincerely,

Alabama State Port Authority
American Association of Port Authorities
Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District
Maryland Port Administration
Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal
District
Port Everglades
Port Hueneme
Port of Beaumont
Port of Corpus Christi Authority
Port of Greater Baton Rouge
Port of Houston Authority

Port of Long Beach
Port of Los Angeles
Port of New Orleans
Port of San Diego
Port of Seattle
Port of South Louisiana
Port of Tacoma
Port of Virginia
PortMiami
The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
The Port of Texas City