October 10, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the Highway Materials Group, we write in support of S. 3021, America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (WRDA). The HMG is comprised of 11 national trade associations whose members provide the materials and equipment necessary to build our nation’s inland waterways and the roadways to and from these projects. This is an essential bipartisan bill that will improve and strengthen America’s vital water infrastructure.

It is crucial for our industries that S. 3021 passes. Maintaining a two-year cycle of WRDA authorization is critical for the long-term planning, maintenance and improvements of America’s locks, dams, harbors, ports, waterways, flood protection, and similar resources and infrastructure. Passing this bill would provide certainty for communities and industries that rely on maritime infrastructure.

We appreciate congressional investment in surface transportation, aviation and water infrastructure that keep the nation’s commerce moving and contribute to economic prosperity. Working together, this network is essential to our economic growth and prosperity, job creation and enhancing America’s global competitiveness. We urge the Senate to vote yes on WRDA today.

The U.S. Senate has been able to approve two-year WRDA authorizations for four years, and we encourage Senators to continue to provide certainty for America’s infrastructure.

Sincerely,

American Coal Ash Association
American Concrete Pavement Association
American Traffic Safety Services Association
Associated Equipment Distributors
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
National Asphalt Pavement Association

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
Portland Cement Association
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute