

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Hon. Paul D. Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Bill Shuster
Chairman
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Energy and Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan, Chairman Shuster, and Chairman Upton,

As you know, many of our nation's infrastructure projects are subject to Buy America provisions to require that the iron and steel used during construction is American made. These requirements ensure that federal investment in infrastructure supports the United States' economy and American jobs. We write to express serious reservations about any final WRDA agreement that does not include strong Buy America provisions for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. These provisions are strongly supported by a wide coalition of American workers.

The permanent extension of Buy America requirements upon the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, as provided in the Senate bill, is only common sense. It will ensure parity with the other State Revolving Funds that already require Buy America compliance, and that the intent of Buy America is not subject to the vagaries of the annual appropriations process.

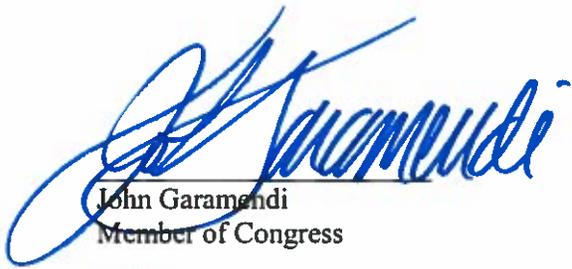
An important aspect of infrastructure bills like WRDA is that they not only improve locks and dams, but also that they create jobs for people around the country. We must send the message that American taxpayer dollars should be spent here in the United States, not buying foreign steel for our infrastructure. Spending money on infrastructure is an investment that pays dividends for years to come. However, to maximize the benefit American taxpayers can gain from this law we must ensure that Buy America provisions are included in the bill.

The WRDA bill is opportunity to strengthen the American manufacturing sector and protect high-paying jobs in a growing industry while strengthening our infrastructure. It would be difficult to support a bill that does not reaffirm our commitment to American manufacturing and industry.

Sincerely,


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Walter B. Jones
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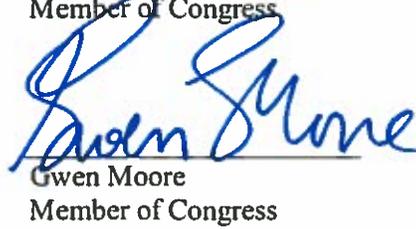
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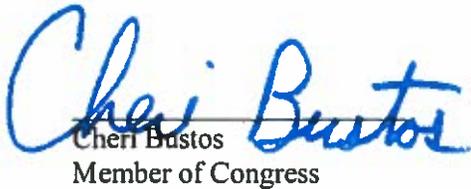
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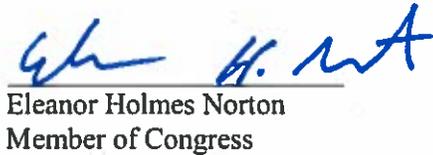
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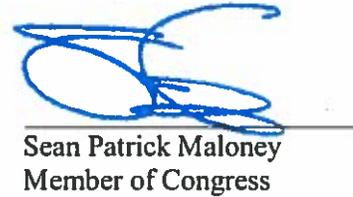
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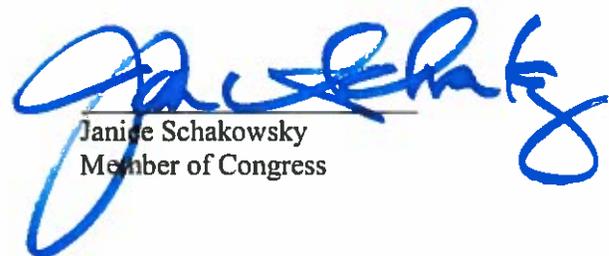
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