



INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES, AFL-CIO

May 16, 2014

Mr. John Boehner
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
H-232 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Mr. Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Reid,

I am writing to convey the strong support of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) for passage of the conference report of the *Water Resources Reform & Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA)*.

On a daily basis and in every corner of the nation, our skilled crafts men and women work to prevent rust and corrosion on locks, dams, ports, and waterways. We applaud Chairman Bill Shuster, Chairwoman Barbara Boxer, Ranking Members David Vitter and Nick Rahall as well as the respective Subcommittee Chairmen and Ranking Members Bob Gibbs, Tom Carper, Tim Bishop, and John Barrasso for recognizing that this type of work is absolutely vital for keeping water infrastructure, in which so much of our economy depends, operating continuously and safely.

We further support their effort to create jobs for the construction industry overall. From streamlining project delivery by eliminating unnecessary government bureaucracy to de-authorizing \$18 billion worth of backlogged and inactive projects, it is clear this legislation would open up new job opportunities for business and labor at a time when the construction industry is still recovering from the Great Recession.

Finally, I want to note that this WRRDA bill is proof positive of the fact that political parties can and should work together to solve this country's problems. I commend the Democrat and Republican chairs and ranking members for making this process a model of bipartisanship that all other Senators and Representatives should strive to emulate.

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WRRDA of 2014

On behalf of the 160,000 IUPAT constituents and their families, I thank and urge them to continue working together. Their leadership is much appreciated and I look forward to partnering with them to fix our country's aging infrastructure and create millions of American jobs in the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kenneth E. Rigmaiden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenneth E. Rigmaiden
General President

cc: GEB

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