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Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Members:

Supporting water transportation and safety infrastructure will help grow the U.S. economy by fostering the efficient movement of people and goods. The *Water Resources Development Act of 2026* (WRDA 2026), would authorize nearly \$7 billion in port, harbor, lock and dam projects as well as numerous other programs designed to enhance the nation's waterways. The American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) **urges you to support passage** of this legislation.

Many of the projects receiving resources, and studies for potential future projects, would address coastal restoration to both prepare for and recover from natural disasters. Projects would also improve shipping lanes, allowing critical goods and supplies to move through ports and waterways in a more timely and predictable manner.

WRDA 2026 would also continue to spend down the nearly \$10 billion balance in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF), allowing funds paid by system users to be invested for their intended purpose.

We applaud the bipartisan leadership of the committee for continuing the timely reauthorization of water resources legislation every two years and urge all members of the committee to support WRDA 2026 as part of the comprehensive infrastructure renewal the nation requires. Improvements to our ports, waterways, locks, dams and coastlines will provide enormous economic and safety benefits to the entire country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Bauer'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'David' and last name 'Bauer' clearly legible.

David Bauer
President and CEO