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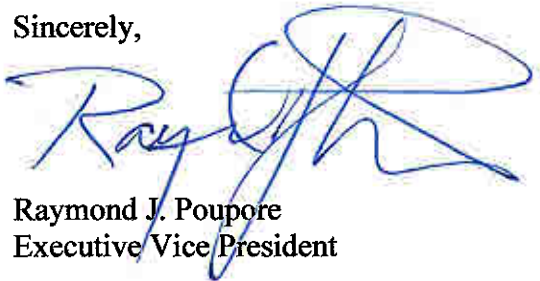
Dear Senator:

On behalf of the three construction unions representing the National Construction Alliance, we strongly urge your support for the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) in the face of a threatened veto by the Administration. The members of our three unions, the Laborers, Operating Engineers and Carpenters agree the WRDA bill represents a necessary investment to address our country's backlog of water projects.

The long overdue WRDA bill represents good paying construction jobs around the country -- in the Gulf States still working to rebuild after Hurricane Katrina, waterways projects along the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, and other projects in numerous states to protect shorelines, reduce flood damage and provide environmental restoration. The bill provides \$23.2 billion to fund these projects over the next seven years and in doing so will create thousands of construction industry jobs to help prepare our nation's waterways and environments against future natural disasters.

This bipartisan bill represents the kind of robust investment that is required, not just to maintain, but to improve our country's infrastructure. We applaud Environment and Public Works Committee Chairwoman Boxer and Ranking Committee Member Inhofe for working across the aisle, and standing firm to deliver these much needed projects. We strongly urge the Congress to remain steadfast in its support of the Water Resources Development Act conference report and vote to override President Bush's veto.

Sincerely,



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