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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
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The Honorable Harry Reid
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RE: ASCE Support for WIIN Act of 2016

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Reid:

Thank you for your continued work on the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016 and Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016. The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) represents over 150,000 civil engineers who design, construct, operate and maintain critical infrastructure across the country.

In our 2013 *Report Card for America's Infrastructure*, ASCE graded the nation's infrastructure a D+. Several of our recommendations to raise grades for Drinking Water, Dams and Ports have been included in the WIIN Act. Furthermore, in ASCE's *Failure to Act Economic Study*, we find that America's infrastructure investment gap will exceed \$1.6 trillion by 2025. The WIIN Act provides a much-needed path forward to keep Americas economy competitive.

We are especially supportive of the following provisions in the WIIN Act of 2016.

- Sec. 5006 Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams
- Sec. 1108 Funding for Harbor Maintenance Programs
- Sec. 1122 Beneficial Use of Dredged Material
- Sec. 1184 Considerations of Measures (Use of Natural and Nature Based Features)

The Senate and House have worked diligently and in a bipartisan manner to craft a compromised water resources infrastructure bill. We urge you to continue working together to ensure the WIIN Act is passed before the end of the 114th Congress.

Sincerely,

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