

May 29, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
U.S. Senate
Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate
Committee on Environment and Public Works
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020

Dear Leaders McConnell and Schumer, Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

Thank you for your leadership on legislation supporting America's ports and maritime infrastructure. We the undersigned navigation support organizations and associations request that the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) proposed language known as the 'HMT Finale' be included in AWIA.

The proposed HMT Finale language addresses the remaining 3 pillars of the American Association of Port Authorities HMTF platform – (1) update the Donor and Energy Transfer port program with expanded uses and equitable funding, along with funding assurances for (2) the Great Lakes region and (3) emerging harbors.

This language will complete the legislative reforms of previous WRDA's and legislation in the CARES Act to assure equitable funding and proper maintenance of Federal navigation projects from this point forward.

Thank you for your support and leadership.

Respectfully,

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