



October 7, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
H-232  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madame Speaker:

The Water Resources Coalition (WRC) would like to thank the House for passing **H.R. 7110, the Job Creation and Unemployment Relief Act of 2008**, on September 26. This much-needed legislation will help spur a recovery from the present economic crisis. The Coalition, which represents diverse engineering, construction, waterways, and navigation interests, is especially pleased with the inclusion of almost \$6 billion for badly needed upgrades to the nation's aging waterways infrastructure, including funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation systems.

It is our hope that the Senate may yet pass this important bill and send it to the President before the end of the year. We believe the dire condition of the nation's economy, which appears to be weakening daily, requires this spur to economic growth through the creation of thousands of new jobs during a period of increased unemployment.

The WRC will do whatever we can to assist in this endeavor. Thank you again for all your efforts to improve America's economy and to preserve its infrastructure.

Sincerely,

American Society of Civil Engineers  
Associated General Contractors  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Public Works Association  
American Shore and Beach Preservation Association  
Association of California Water Agencies

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