



October 17, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madame Speaker:

Dear Senator Reid:

The Water Resources Coalition (WRC) encourages Congress to enact legislation to invigorate the national economy during the current financial crisis. Among the top priorities of any such legislation should be provisions to provide new funding for America's aging water resources infrastructure. This legislation would be an investment in the nation's economic security as well as a spur to recovery from the present economic emergency. The Coalition, which represents diverse engineering, construction, waterways, and navigation interests, encourages Congress to adopt the water resources funding levels for the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation contained in H.R. 7110 that passed the House in September. These provisions would provide more than \$7 billion in new funding for vital water resources.

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  
Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association  
County of Orange (CA) Public Works  
Dredging Contractors of America  
Florida Inland Navigation District  
Marlowe & Company  
Missouri Department of Agriculture  
National Association of Regional Councils

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