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United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), I urge passage of S. 3021, America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, when it comes to the floor of the Senate for a vote.

This legislation would ensure the viability and efficacy of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works programs, including navigation, water resources management, recreation, infrastructure, flood control, mitigation and environmental stewardship. Passage of this bill would be an important step toward providing critical economic and environmental benefits to the nation.

Projects funded by this legislation benefit real estate and economic development, and help protect communities from natural disasters. Homeowners need clean and drinkable water, neighborhoods depend on the construction and maintenance of water management structures, the private sector depends on clear waterways and ports to receive and transport goods, and a healthy environment depends on the nation's ability to clean and treat wastewater. This legislation would also fund critical research into harmful algal blooms, such as the one that has devastated Florida's west coast this summer. All of these critical projects are authorized and funded by this important legislation.

NAR thanks the leadership of the Senate for promptly moving this legislation and urges its swift passage so it can be signed into law this year.

Sincerely,

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