

November 2, 2007

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Dear Speaker Pelosi:

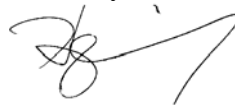
Thank you for all that you have done to support sensible coastal policies during your tenure in Congress. ASBPA and its members are very grateful for the leadership you have demonstrated on the issues affecting all of us on the coast.

Today, the President put national politics before national needs by vetoing H.R. 1495, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA). Despite the wide bipartisan support for this legislation, President Bush objected to the bill's large price tag. The issue, however, is not this bill's price which is modest compared other federal infrastructure investments. Rather, his veto reflects the lack of priority this administration places on water resources.

Over the past seven years, federal, state and local government agencies have postponed or temporarily fixed vital water projects. This crucial bill helps communities and states maintain a healthy environment, strong economy, and clean drinking water. Not only will WRDA authorize countless water quality and infrastructure projects, it moves forward with critical policy reforms that will significantly benefit communities across the nation and, ultimately, save taxpayers billions of dollars.

It is important to remember that inaction has a price that can be measured in lives lost or disrupted as well as dollars. We must end the neglect of our water infrastructure now. Both the House and Senate passed the bill and its conference report by large bipartisan margins earlier this year. Now it's time to finish the job. Please vote to override the President's veto when the House votes on Tuesday, November 6.

Sincerely,



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