

June 8, 2006

The Honorable James Inhofe
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable James Jeffords
Ranking Member, EPW Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Christopher Bond
Chairman, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Max Baucus
Ranking Member, T&I Subcommittee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators:

The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) fully supports your efforts to pass S. 728, the Water Resources Development Act of 2006 (WRDA). Please continue to press for immediate consideration of this critical piece of legislation in the United States Senate.

As we enter the 2006 hurricane season, coastal communities are facing the possibility of another series of violent and destructive weather events. We know that human lives and public safety depend on a strong civil works program. However, years of planning and preparation are being put at risk as Congress fails to produce a WRDA bill.

Non-federal sponsors are losing patience as important storm damage reduction and flood control projects languish in the absence of Congressional authorization. Above all, public safety and the nation's economy are being jeopardized by the continued delay.

Senate action is needed now. Again, please seek floor consideration of this bill before the July 4th recess. We commend your efforts to advance WRDA and your continued support of America's coastal communities and resources.

Sincerely,



Mayor Harry Simmons
President of ASBPA