

**Make the American Iron and Steel Preference Permanent**  
*Final WRDA Bill Should Include Senate Provision*

Dear Senate EPW Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper, House T&I Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio, and House E&C Chairman Walden and Ranking Member Pallone:

On behalf of the Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM), as you work to finalize the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), we urge the inclusion of language in the Senate EPW-reported bill making the American Iron and Steel (AIS) preference *permanent* for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program.

The EPA's CWSRF and WIFIA programs are already subject to *permanent* statutory preference policies, as are most of DOT's federal-aid infrastructure programs (e.g., highways, transit, passenger rail, airport improvement). The DWSRF program, however, has since FY14 been administered with temporary domestic content preference provisions approved through annual appropriations measures and a one-year statutory provision in the now-expired 2016 WRDA bill. While we are appreciative that the Energy & Commerce Committee included a five-year extension of the AIS preference in its bill, it is time to make this language *permanent*. This provision has strong bipartisan support, enjoys overwhelming public support, and has shown positive results in terms of factory investments and hiring workers.

Investing in infrastructure provides a much-needed boost for our manufacturing sector, particularly when these investments are covered by strong domestic content preferences. To ensure that domestic manufacturers and American factory workers provide the iron and steel products used to construct our water infrastructure, we strongly urge you to make *permanent* the AIS preference application under the DWSRF. Thank you for your leadership in working to maintain and improve our infrastructure.

Sincerely,



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President