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Port Canaveral	The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio Chairman House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 2134 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	The Honorable Sam Graves Ranking Member House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 1135 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515
Port Everglades	The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano Chairwoman Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment 1610 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	The Honorable Bruce Westerman Ranking Member Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment 209 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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RE: Inclusion of Expanding Uses of Advance Maintenance Authority in WRDA Reauthorization

Port of Key West Dear Chairman DeFazio, Chairwoman Napolitano, Ranking Member Graves and Ranking Member Westerman:


PortMiami On behalf of the Florida Ports Council, we thank you for your leadership and continued efforts to support and enhance the economic growth and job impacts at our nation's seaports. As you know, seaports positively affect every state and resident. Florida's seaports alone generate and support a vast array of commerce. Florida's seaports have a \$117.6 billion economic impact on the state and account for more than 900,000 direct and indirect jobs. Constructing and maintaining adequate navigational harbors ensures that Florida's seaports have the capacity and efficiency to support these jobs and economic activity in our state and beyond.

Port of Palm Beach With respect to current WRDA Reauthorization efforts by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Florida Ports Council supports the request by the Ports of Tampa Bay and Palm Beach for enhanced uses of the Army Corps' advance maintenance authorities. The limited policy change will enable both Ports to maximize economic benefits and facilitate trade growth during this period of economic recovery.

Port of Panama City Please see attached, a copy of the congressional letter from the members of the Tampa Bay and Palm Beach delegations.

Port of Pensacola Thank you for your consideration to this request.

Port of Port St. Joe Sincerely,

Port St. Pete 

Port Tampa Bay President & CEO
Florida Ports Council