September 26, 2005

The Honorable Bill Frist  
Senate Majority Leader  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Senate Minority Leader  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Frist and Senator Reid:

We, the undersigned, strongly urge the Senate to take action immediately to pass the Water Resources Development Act of 2005.

The Upper Mississippi River provisions in WRDA represent a bi-partisan, comprehensive, balanced, and long-overdue approach to advancing our shared goal of achieving “a working river and a river that works” for the Upper Mississippi River System.

The Upper Mississippi River network is Congressionally-recognized as both a significant national ecosystem and crucial transportation corridor, the nation’s ‘third coast.’

Your action to expedite passage of legislation reauthorizing the Water Resources Development Act of 2005 is strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the United States Senate