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## PNWA Executive Director Kristin Meira testifies at House Transportation & Infrastructure Hearing

Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) Executive Director Kristin Meira testified today before the U.S. House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. The Committee held the first hearing of the 116th Congress entitled "The Cost of Doing Nothing: Why investing in our Nation's Infrastructure Cannot Wait" to discuss necessary federal investment in America's infrastructure.

Meira highlighted the infrastructure needs of ports and navigation in her testimony. Ports are critical economic drivers for their local communities and for the nation. Many modes of transportation come together at our nation's ports to provide efficient and safe movement of both commercial cargo and people. Infrastructure investment at ports is critical for a strong U.S. economy.

"Transportation is not a partisan issue, it's about moving people and goods more efficiently in this country and connecting us to the world," said Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR). "Every state and territory in our country is profoundly affected by the decisions made in this committee. As Chairman, I will tirelessly work to build bipartisan agreement and promote common sense, comprehensive solutions to address the major issues facing our aging, 20th century infrastructure and champion a smarter, more resilient infrastructure. I will work to build bipartisan agreement around legislation that strengthens the Federal commitment to our national transportation network and boosts investments that

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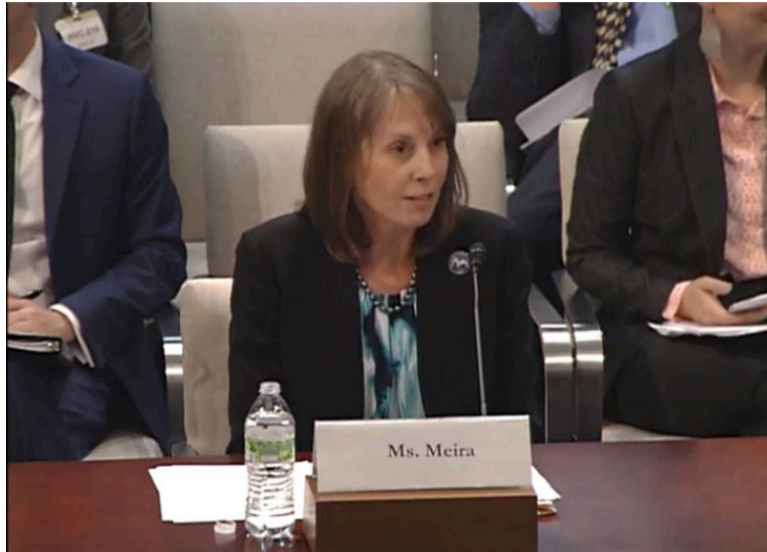
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result in job creation and increased economic growth. I look forward to working with my Democratic and Republican colleagues in order to achieve our shared goals. Together, we can lay the groundwork for infrastructure investment that delivers for generations to come"

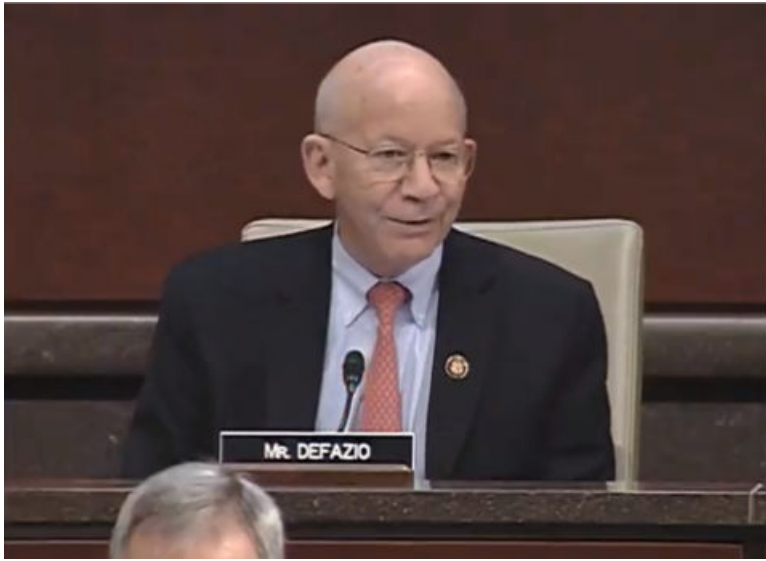
To view a copy of the testimony provided by Kristin Meira, please click [here](#). For additional information, visit The House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure's [website](#).



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The panel during testimony



Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Chairman  
Peter DeFazio (D-OR)

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