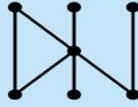


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The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
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The Honorable Sam Graves  
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The Honorable Grace Napolitano  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
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**Re: Strong Support for the \$16.6 B Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act**

Dear Chairman DeFazio, Congressman Graves, Congresswoman Napolitano and Congressman Westerman,

As America's leading construction, engineering, labor, conservation, public works and manufacturing advocates for increased investment in our nation's water and wastewater infrastructure we strongly support the bipartisan Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019 and applaud your timely consideration of this critical infrastructure legislation. Our nation is facing a water infrastructure funding and finance crisis and failure to thoughtfully invest in this infrastructure will have dire economic, environmental and public health consequences. The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act is a thoughtful response to America's clean water challenges.

The American Society of Civil Engineer's 2017 Infrastructure Report Card gave our nation's wastewater infrastructure a grade of "D+". The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act addresses this infrastructure crisis head on by authorizing \$14 B in new Federal funding for the Clean Water Act State Revolving Fund (CWA SRF). Established in 1987, the CWA SRF has proven to be one of the most effective environmental infrastructure funding tools in our nation's history. Hundreds wastewater treatment facilities and stormwater management projects have been constructed with CWA SRF dollars over the past 30 years, contributing directly to improved water quality in lakes, rivers and estuaries across the nation. However, these critical water quality improvements will be lost if we fail to make needed investments in America's wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

The significant increased funding of the CWA SRF called for in the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act has the potential to create over 500,000 quality construction, engineering and manufacturing jobs over the next five years. Industry and labor studies of past water infrastructure investment have found that for every \$1 B invested in water infrastructure over 23,000 jobs are created. American industry and agriculture rely on reliable, clean water and investments in clean water infrastructure will contribute directly to our nation's long-term competitiveness. Investing in our nation's wastewater and stormwater infrastructure makes eminent economic and environmental sense.

We greatly appreciate your bipartisan commitment to improving our nation's water infrastructure and look forward to working with you to secure passage of the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act 2019 in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

**The Water Infrastructure Network - WIN**

- **American Council of Engineering Companies – ACEC**
- **American Society of Civil Engineers – ASCE**
- **Associated General Contractors of America – AGC**
- **Construction Management Association of America - CMAA**
- **Ducks Unlimited - DU**
- **Hydraulic Institute – HI**
- **Grasslands Water District**
- **International Union of Operating Engineers – IUOE**
- **Laborers International Union of North America – LIUNA**
- **LaFargeHolcim**
- **Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District – MMSD**
- **National Electrical Contractors Association – NECA**
- **National Rural Water Association - NRWA**
- **United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters - The United**
- **Vinyl Institute – VI**