

May 28, 2021

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio  
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2164 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio:

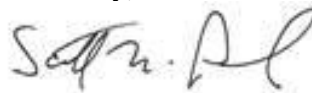
On behalf of the Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM), I write to commend your efforts to advance much needed investments in our nation's clean and wastewater treatment infrastructure and to express our support for H.R. 1915, the *Water Quality Protection Act of 2021*. America's water infrastructure network is in desperate need of repair. AAM stands by your commitment to enact meaningful investments in our critical infrastructure during the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress. Your efforts demonstrate that while much of the nation's water infrastructure is, by design, out of sight, it is not out of mind for Members of Congress.

The investments in this legislation are a critical step towards addressing the backlog of infrastructure projects needed to strengthen our clean and wastewater infrastructure systems. In addition, we thank you for your continued support of Buy America domestic preference policies. These policies maximize the impacts of public investments, creating good manufacturing jobs, strengthening supply chains and supporting communities across the country.

Buy America policies are broadly supported by American voters. A 2019 AAM poll showed 80% of likely voters support Buy America, with little difference between Americans irrespective of their demographics, geographic location or political identifications. Americans overwhelmingly support these policies because they understand that when taxpayer dollars are spent on public infrastructure, domestic preferences incentivize investment and job creation here at home. Buy America procurement preferences serve not only as a modest acknowledgement of manufacturers' continued commitment to U.S. operations and workers, but also of their compliance with U.S. labor, workplace safety and environmental laws, aligning our procurement with our principles.

Thank you for your leadership in working to maintain and improve our water infrastructure. With Buy America preferences in place, these investments support American manufacturing jobs and incentivize capital investments here in the United States.

Sincerely,



Scott N. Paul  
President