



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES

March 17, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
2134 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
1135 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano
1610 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Rouzer
2439 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021

Dear Chairman DeFazio, Ranking Member Graves, Chairwoman Napolitano, and Ranking Member Rouzer:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the business association of the nation’s engineering industry – we strongly support the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021 and greatly appreciate bipartisan efforts behind this important infrastructure legislation.

America’s engineering industry is at the forefront in employing new technologies and innovative designs to assist local communities, but those communities often lack the financial resources to invest in necessary system upgrades.

This legislation will greatly address the long-standing challenge of underinvestment in the nation’s wastewater infrastructure by authorizing \$45 billion over five years for wastewater infrastructure and related needs, including \$40 billion for the Clean Water Act State Revolving Fund (SRF) program. The measure will help to address sanitary and combined sewer overflow problems, promote PFAS pretreatment, and assist disadvantaged communities.

For over three decades, the SRF program has become the primary mechanism for federal financial assistance to enable wastewater systems to protect public health and improve environmental performance. This investment has also been a major economic driver, creating tens of thousands of jobs and playing a critical role in supporting growth in major sectors of the economy.

ACEC strongly supports passage of the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021, and we thank you for your bipartisan leadership in moving this important legislation forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda Bauer Darr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Bauer Darr
President & CEO