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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chair, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2251 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano
Chair, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Chairwoman Napolitano,

On behalf of the member companies of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), I write to express our support for the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021. Your legislation will make key investments in our national water infrastructure, while ensuring the use of iron and steel products made in the United States.

AISI serves as the voice of the American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI's membership is comprised of integrated and electric arc furnace steelmakers, and associate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. The American industry is the cleanest and most energy efficient of the leading steel industries in the world.

AISI is pleased that the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021 authorizes \$40 billion in federal funding for wastewater infrastructure through the EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program. This funding will help modernize the nation's wastewater treatment infrastructure, which recently received a D+ grade from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Infrastructure Report Card.

We also appreciate that the bill will ensure that American-made iron and steel products will continue to be procured through the CWSRF and will now be required to be used by the federally funded sewer overflow and stormwater grant, alternative water source, watershed and Indian Health programs reauthorized in the bill. AISI agrees that taxpayer-funded projects should utilize only domestically and

environmentally superior melted and poured steel products to ensure that the full benefit of such investment is realized in the domestic economy.

Thank you again for introducing this legislation. AISI looks forward to working with you to ensure its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Dempsey". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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