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The Honorable Peter DeFazio Chairman Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Sam Graves Ranking Member Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports H.R. 1915, the "Water Quality and Job Creation Act of 2021." We applaud you for your commitment to building modern, resilient water infrastructure as you work to advance this bipartisan legislation.

The following are issues of particular importance to the business community and are consistent with the Chamber's <u>2021 water policy priorities</u>:

- Providing unprecedented funding levels for the clean water state revolving fund reauthorization.
- Ensuring that resilient practices, including green infrastructure, water reuse, wet weather stormwater management, energy efficiency, and source water protection are prioritized by wastewater utilities.
- Offering grants for treatment of emerging contaminants, such as PFAS.

We urge the committee to continue its bipartisan approach and to consider provisions of the Republican alternative supported by the Chamber. Durable infrastructure policies are crucial for building prosperity in America. This can only be achieved through bipartisan cooperation.

The Chamber-led <u>Build by the 4th of July Campaign</u> is a partnership among more than 350 business, environmental, and labor organizations calling on Congress to act on infrastructure legislation. This broad group of stakeholders believes that improving water quality is key to rebuilding America's infrastructure, and swift action is necessary. We stand ready to assist you and your colleagues in this effort.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure