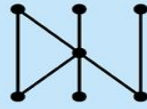


WATER INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK



June 1, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
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The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jeff Van Drew
2447 Rayburn HOB
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Re: Strong Support for the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021

Dear Chairman DeFazio, Congresswoman Napolitano, Congressman Fitzpatrick and Congressman Van Drew,

As a coalition of America's leading construction, engineering, labor, conservation, public works and manufacturing advocates for increased investment in our nation's water and wastewater infrastructure, the Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) strongly supports the bipartisan Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021 - HR 1915. Our nation is facing a water infrastructure crisis and failure to make overdue investments in this critical infrastructure will have dire economic, environmental and public health impacts. The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021 is a thoughtful and timely response to America's clean water and economic challenges.

The American Society of Civil Engineer's 2021 Infrastructure Report Card gave our nation's wastewater infrastructure a grade of "D+". The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021 addresses this infrastructure crisis head on by providing \$40 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 of 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 historic investment in our nation's clean water infrastructure called for in the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021 has the potential to create over 750,000 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. Additionally, American agriculture, commercial fishing and the outdoor recreation industry benefit directly from investments in clean water infrastructure. HR 1915 makes eminent economic and environmental sense.

We greatly appreciate your bipartisan commitment to significant new investment in our nation's water infrastructure. WIN is working to build the Congressional support needed to deliver the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act 2021 of 2021 to the President's desk in the First Session of the 117th Congress.

Sincerely,

The Water Infrastructure Network

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

cc: Members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee