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United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the more than 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North American (LIUNA), I write to express our support and endorsement of the Water Quality and Job Creation Act of 2021. This important legislation will help the United States construct, repair, and replace our Nation's network of wastewater and storm-water infrastructure. LIUNA commends the legislation's sponsors and encourages all Members of Congress to see that this important legislation is enacted into law.

While authorizing \$50 billion in direct infrastructure investment over the next five years to address America's crumbling wastewater infrastructure and local water quality challenges, the Water Quality and Job Creation Act of 2021 would also significantly increase the amount of federal assistance made available to states and communities through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program. The SRF is the primary source of federal assistance for wastewater infrastructure construction and has not been reauthorized by Congress since 1987.

If enacted, the Bill will create thousands of jobs in the construction and wastewater sectors, reduce the cost of building and maintaining water infrastructure, increase the resilience of wastewater infrastructure, promote energy and water efficiency, and clarify requirements that American-made materials be used for construction of wastewater infrastructure funded under the Clean Water Act.

Investments in wastewater infrastructure help support the health of LIUNA members, their families, and the communities where they live and work. The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021 will reduce water pollution and flooding while creating jobs and benefiting the broader economy. It is time for Congress to stop talking about infrastructure investments and start making those investments. LIUNA encourages you to support this important legislation.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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