



May 28, 2021

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio,

On behalf of the Municipal Castings Association (MCA) and its member companies thank you for your unbowed commitment to advancing sorely needed investments in the nation's aging public works infrastructure, including its clean and wastewater treatment infrastructure. The MCA strongly supports H.R. 1915, the *Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021*, bipartisan legislation authorizing critical federal infrastructure assistance that will support clean water infrastructure improvements in communities across the country. An infusion of funding – coupled with the certainty of a five-year authorization – will allow a backlog of much-needed clean water infrastructure projects to move forward and, in so doing, will create tens of thousands of jobs nationwide.

The MCA is a coalition of U.S. manufacturers of iron, steel and other metal castings used in clean water and other public works infrastructure projects across the United States. The MCA's member companies know firsthand that federal investments in America's clean and wastewater infrastructure systems are desperately needed, with an estimated national need of \$300 billion over the next two decades. The bill's authorized spending, including commendable improvements to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program, will help address this considerable backlog. These investments will improve public health and help protect the environment. Moreover, because of your leadership in ensuring that the federal assistance authorized in the *Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021* is subject to Buy America procurement preference policies, U.S. taxpayers' investments in our clean water infrastructure will create good-paying American manufacturing jobs, benefiting entire U.S. supply chains and the communities in which they operate.

On behalf of the MCA, thank you for your resolve to enact this much-needed legislation, as well as comprehensive infrastructure legislation. We are ready to get to work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dustin Painter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dustin Painter
Counsel to the Municipal Castings Association

March 4, 2019

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McWane Inc.
Birmingham, AL

East Jordan Iron Works, Inc.
East Jordan, MI and Ardmore, OK

U.S. Foundry & Eagle Manufacturing Group
Medley, FL

Charlotte Pipe & Foundry Company
Charlotte, NC

Spring City Electrical Manufacturing
Spring City, PA

Neenah Foundry Company
Neenah, WI

Deeter Foundry Incorporated
Lincoln, NE

EBAA Iron, Inc.
Eastland, TX

D&L Foundry Inc.
Moses Lake, WA