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Hon. Peter A. DeFazio
Chair
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Grace F. Napolitano
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Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Chairs DeFazio and Napolitano,

The leadership of the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies or NAFSMA (attached) is pleased to offer support for H.R. 1915 - The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021- as outlined in the proposed substitute amendment.

The authorizations provided in this legislation would greatly assist local stormwater management and public works agencies who are dealing with aging infrastructure, water quality issues and limited resources to address these issues which are so critical to community resiliency throughout the nation.

In addition to the increases proposed for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds, NAFSMA strongly supports the \$400 million annual five-year authorization for the sewer overflow and stormwater reuse municipal grants. NAFSMA also supports the \$200 million annual individual authorizations for pilot programs for both watershed and alternative water source projects. This combined total of \$2 billion for these two pilot programs over the next five years will help to provide much needed resources to struggling communities and regions to address their critical water resource needs.

Also, of interest to NAFSMA member agencies is the proposed authorization of \$200 million annually to address contaminants identified by the U.S. EPA Administrator as contaminants of emerging concern, such as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This issue is of growing concern to NAFSMA members.

As you move forward with this legislation, NAFSMA urges you to include the language proposed by the minority in H.R. 3218 to allow for the increase of NPDES permit terms from five to 10 years.

In closing, NAFSMA is pleased to offer support for this legislation and stands ready to provide additional assistance and input as the Committee moves forward. Please feel free to contact NAFSMA Executive Director Susan Gilson at 202-289-8625 or sgilson@nafsma.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Gilson, Executive Director