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The Honorable Peter DeFazio

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U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano

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U.S. House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

United States House of Representatives

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**Re: Endorsement of H.R. 1915, the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021**

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Chairwoman Napolitano:

The National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA) is writing to support H.R. 1915, the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021. This legislation includes many elements that are closely aligned to the interests of NMSA members, including:

- Pilot programs for watershed projects;
- Support for alternative water source projects, including stormwater projects;
- Reauthorization of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program to assist communities to meet clean water regulatory and community goals;
- An increase in the Clean Water SRF Green Project Reserve (GPR) to 15%; and
- Authorization of funds for the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program (the "OSG" program).

NMSA member organizations represent over 4,000 of the 7,550 total Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permittees across the country. Our member organizations are in 24 states representing all regions of the country. Our members include MS4 program managers who are the stewards of urban stormwater conveyance and treatment systems that address urban runoff, which is the largest growing source of water pollution in many parts of the U.S.

While we support this important legislation, critical pathways to addressing stormwater runoff remain unexplored. Stormwater infrastructure requires modernization in the U.S., as demonstrated by the grade "D" in the current ASCE infrastructure Report Card (<https://infrastructurereportcard.org/cat-item/stormwater/>). Clearly, the challenges in the stormwater sector are significant. To date, the



Clean Water SRF program has contributed only 3% of total assistance in the stormwater sector over the lifetime of the SRF program. Further, based upon preliminary analysis led by NMSA focusing on data regarding GPR assistance, the amount of green infrastructure associated with GPR is limited when compared to other GPR-eligible projects and that published data on GPR projects may not accurately reflect the reality of GPR-related projects.

NMSA looks forward to working with Congress to explore ways to promote and expand the investment in stormwater infrastructure across the country. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 202 774-8097 or at [seth.brown@nationalstormwateralliance.org](mailto:seth.brown@nationalstormwateralliance.org).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seth P. Brown".

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