

June 1, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

The National Water Resources Association (NWRA) thanks you for your efforts to reauthorize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021 (H.R. 1915) would reauthorize critical funding for water infrastructure. NWRA supports the reauthorization and expansion of this vital infrastructure funding. We are also supportive of grant funding authorized by H.R. 1915 aimed the treatment of emerging contaminants and issues presented by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Utilities are not the *producers* of PFAS, but the *receivers* of PFAS. Federal dollars to assist local water providers in dealing with these chemicals is both necessary and appreciated.

As you know an investment in water infrastructure is an investment in our nation's economy, its health, and its future. Sanitary wastewater services and clean drinking water dramatically improve public health and safety and are vital to every community. Access to a reliable supply of water is a fundamental necessity for any and all economic development. Investing in water infrastructure is one of the most prudent investments the federal government can make. Reauthorizing funding for the CWSRF program will go a long way toward meeting our nation's water infrastructure needs while stimulating economic growth and protecting countless communities.

The NWRA is a non-partisan, non-profit association that represents state water associations, and both agricultural and municipal water providers. Collectively NWRA members help provide water to more than 50 million people throughout the Western and Southeastern United States. Our members work to deliver water and power resources that help our nation flourish. Access to a safe, reliable, and affordable supply of water is of critical importance to the health and well being of our nation's citizens and is also vital to the health of our nation's economy.

We appreciate your leadership on the many issues facing our nation's water providers and look forward to working with you to secure a safe, reliable and affordable supply of water for this and future generations. Please contact me at 202-698-0693 if I can be of assistance and thank you again for your work.

Sincerely,



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National Water Resources Association