



June 1, 2021

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio  
Chair  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Chairwoman Napolitano,

On behalf of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP), we are pleased to offer our support for the *Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021* (H.R. 1915). Specifically, RCAP is pleased the legislation will reauthorize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for the first time in over 30 years at \$40 billion over five years. In addition, we support provisions:

- Authorizing \$1 billion in grants over five years for treatment of emerging contaminants.
- Reauthorizing State Management Assistance for water pollution control programs at \$2.5 billion over five years.
- Reauthorizing the Alternative Water Source Projects Program at \$1 billion over five years.

The legislation takes critical steps to increase the federal cost share in clean water infrastructure, reauthorizing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and—critically for rural communities facing economic hardships—providing grant programs to help support costly challenges including investment in weather management, disaster response, and resilience.

Additionally, RCAP is looks forward to working with you and your colleagues on assisting low-income homeowners with decentralized wastewater issues and connecting them to publicly owned treatment works. This would be another step in providing much-needed assistance to communities across the country that are not connected to public sewer or water systems.

The *Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021* is vital to addressing the substantial clean water infrastructure needs of our nation and we thank Chairman DeFazio and Chairwoman Napolitano for their leadership in introducing the bill and we look forward to working with you and your colleagues to ensure this legislation is passed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Ohle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nathan Ohle  
Chief Executive Officer,  
RCAP