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

The Honorable Rep. Grace Napolitano
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment
U.S. House of Representatives
585 Ford HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Chairwoman Napolitano,

On behalf of the more than 359,000 members of the United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA), I write in support of H.R. 1915, the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021. The funding in this bipartisan bill will put UA members to work with fair wages and good benefits updating our nation's aging wastewater infrastructure and ensuring all communities have access to clean and safe water.

As you are both well aware, our nation's wastewater infrastructure is in dire need of modernization: according to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), America's wastewater treatment infrastructure received a dismal D+ grade. That is simply unacceptable. The situation demands take bold action and we must not settle for the lower funding levels proposed by your colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

At the United Association, our members are the best trained and most highly skilled craftspeople in the industry. We are proud to work every day protecting the quality and safety of our nation's water supply – and we look forward to getting to work on the projects outlined in H.R. 1915 to make these critical investments in updating and modernizing our nation's wastewater infrastructure. With your support and the funding provided in this bill, we stand ready to get to work building and maintaining a modern wastewater infrastructure system.

Thank you, as always, for your leadership on this issue. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my staff with any questions. We look forward to working with you on this issue, and to continue to address the immediate need for modernizing our nation's aging water infrastructure.

Sincerely yours,

Mark McManus
General President

