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The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Chairman  
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The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Grace Napolitano, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment  
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U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman DeFazio, Chairman Napolitano, and Congressman Fitzpatrick:

On behalf of our hundreds of member organizations, we thank you for your leadership in developing strong, bipartisan water infrastructure legislation in 2021. The WateReuse Association is a not-for-profit trade association for water utilities, businesses, non-profit organizations, and research entities that advocate for policies and programs to advance water recycling. WateReuse represents nearly 250 water utilities serving over 60 million customers, and over 200 businesses and organizations.

WateReuse is pleased to support the *Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021*, which will make major investments in water recycling programs and resources. In particular, we thank you for reauthorizing the Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants (Section 4), which will ensure that communities in all 50 states can access water recycling tools and resources to solve complex local challenges.

In addition, we strongly support two changes made in the substitute amendment: first, the substitute directs the U.S. EPA to establish a federal interagency working group on water reuse, which will break down silos, leverage resources throughout the federal family, and facilitate stakeholder engagement. Second, the substitute amendment expands eligibility for the Alternative Water Source Grants Pilot Program to include certain projects that have previously received funding through the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI program.

The WateReuse Association also supports the following provisions: reauthorization of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program; reauthorization of the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Grant Program; and authorization of Grants for the Treatment of Emerging Contaminants.

Thank you again for your leadership on these important issues.

Sincerely,

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