

North American Concrete Alliance

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

Dear Chairman DeFazio:

The North American Concrete Alliance (NACA) writes in support of introduction of the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021. Reauthorization of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) is critical to addressing underinvestment in sewer and wastewater infrastructure in communities across the country.

As you may know, NACA is a coalition of 12 concrete-related trade associations that provide construction materials and equipment essential for America's infrastructure. Our member companies employ approximately 600,000 people across the United States, and our collective industries contribute over \$100 billion to our economy. We strongly support increased investment in the nation's infrastructure, including wastewater systems.

The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act will address the nation's years of chronic underinvestment in sewers and wastewater infrastructure by reauthorizing the Clean Water SRF. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), since the program's inception more than three decades ago, the program has supported more than \$126 billion in combined investment in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, approximately three dollars of project assistance for each dollar of federal capitalization. Wastewater treatment serves critical public health needs.

While the Clean Water SRF has a commendable track record, the nation's wastewater investment needs are still staggering. The American Society of Civil Engineers has given our nation's wastewater, stormwater and water treatment infrastructure a grade of D+. The EPA has projected that at least \$271 billion must be invested to meet usage demands over the next two decades. By reauthorizing the Clean Water SRF with annual authorization levels of \$4 billion for each of the next five years, this bill will take an important step towards addressing these needs.

On behalf of our member organizations, we thank you for your leadership on this issue and for your commitment to investing in infrastructure that will strengthen the economy and improve the environment, public health, and quality of life for all Americans. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to enact this legislation.

Sincerely,

American Concrete Pavement Association
American Concrete Pipe Association
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association
American Concrete Pumping Association
Concrete Foundations Association
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

National Concrete Masonry Association
National Precast Concrete Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
Portland Cement Association
Tilt-Up Concrete Association