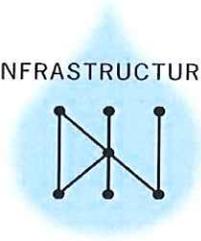


WATER INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK



December 7, 2016

Congressman Shuster  
Chairman,  
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee  
2251 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Congressman Peter DeFazio  
Ranking Member,  
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee  
2164 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 201515

**Re: The Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act – WIN’s Strong Support**

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio,

The Water Infrastructure Network (WIN), a coalition of the nation’s leading construction, engineering, municipal, conservation, public works, labor and manufacturing organizations, strongly supports the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act – the WIIN Act and encourages all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to support its passage. The United States is facing a water infrastructure funding crisis as documented in recent reports by CBO, EPA and WIN and underscored by the water infrastructure failures in Flint, MI. The WIIN Act represents a unique opportunity to make significant improvements to rural and urban water infrastructure in every state and Congressional District.

The Clean Water Act was last fully reauthorized in 1987 and the Safe Drinking Water Act was last reauthorized in 1996. The WIIN Act provides funding, financing and regulatory improvements that are long overdue. Passage of the WIIN Act makes eminent economic and environmental sense and enactment should be a priority for the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**The WIIN Act:**

- Provides new assistance (\$300 M) for small and disadvantaged communities to meet Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act mandates – Sec. 2104
- Improves the existing Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) to significantly expand opportunities for community participation – Sec. 5008
- Reauthorizes the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative providing \$1.5 B for clean water infrastructure and habitat improvement projects – Sec. 5005

**The WIIN Act:**

- Provides new funding (\$50M) to advance water infrastructure research and the use of innovative water technologies Sec. 2109
- Provides critical resources (\$300 M) to replace lead drinking water infrastructure in communities and schools – Sec. 2105
- Provides critical funding (\$100M) for drinking water infrastructure emergencies identified by the President – Sec. 2201
- Authorizes significant new funding (\$515 M) for Water Recycling, Water Reuse, and Water Storage projects – Subtitle J
- Reauthorizes the Water Desalination Act of 1996 (\$40 M) – Subtitle H

The WIIN Act advances significant and timely investments in our nation's water infrastructure and will create thousands of construction and engineering jobs. The Water Infrastructure Network urges all Members of Congress to support the passage of this landmark legislation.

Sincerely,

**The WIN Executive Committee**

**American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)**  
**American Public Works Association (APWA)**  
**American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)**  
**Associated General Contractors of America (AGCA)**  
**International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE)**  
**Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA)**  
**National Association Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)**  
**National Rural Water Association (NRWA)**  
**United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters (The United)**  
**Vinyl Institute (VI)**