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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the Water and Sewer Distributors of America's 145 water and sewer companies across America engaged in the distribution, warehousing, and manufacturing of waterworks products and solutions, thank you for holding today's markup on the Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure for Today (PERMIT) Act. WASDA appreciates the leadership of the committee advancing common sense reforms to improve infrastructure permitting. One of WASDA's top policy priorities is to empower lawmakers to modernize the cumbersome federal permitting system to improve America's aging water infrastructure.

The PERMIT Act represents a significant advancement in addressing persistent issues within the permitting process. It aims to improve transparency, reduce regulatory uncertainty, and ensure prompt decision-making. Streamlining the permitting process will speed up infrastructure projects and boost the economy by creating jobs for construction and manufacturing industries.

WASDA endorses provisions such as extending NPDES permit terms, clarifying and expediting judicial review timelines, and enhancing coordination between federal and state agencies. These measures will significantly reduce delays and costs associated with advancing infrastructure projects.

Furthermore, the legislation aims to facilitate the swift implementation of commercially viable and cost-effective technologies that enable companies to enhance water quality in communities nationwide.

Finally, WASDA supports changes to the Nationwide Permitting process that will increase the approval speed of critical water and other utility-based infrastructure with reduced environmental impact.

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WASDA appreciates the leadership of Subcommittee Chairman Mike Collins (R-GA) to advance this important legislation and looks forward to working with the committee on additional regulatory reforms benefitting water and sewer infrastructure stakeholders.

Best Regards,

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