

March 4, 2019

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio,

On behalf of the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association (DIPRA), we thank you for your commitment to our nation's clean water infrastructure. Our members manufacture Ductile iron pipe, which is used for water and wastewater infrastructure across this country. We are proud that iron pipe forms the foundation of our nation's water and wastewater infrastructure, and we share your desire to ensure that Americans' health and safety is protected through clean water investments.

We support the increased investment levels in the bipartisan Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019 and believe that these investments are desperately needed. We are concerned by efforts in Congress that would provide preferences for certain materials under the guise of "open competition" or other concepts and hope that you will reject such preference efforts.

Thank you very much for your leadership on this issue. Please let us know if we can ever serve as a resource.

Respectfully,

Patrick Hogan
President
Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association