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Chairman Peter DeFazio  
2134 Rayburn HOB,  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Don Young  
2314 Rayburn HOB,  
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The Honorable Grace Napolitano  
1610 Longworth HOB,  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Katko  
2457 Rayburn HOB,  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: HI’s Strong Support for the Water Quality Protection and Jobs Creation Act

Dear Chairman DeFazio, Congressman Young, Congresswoman Napolitano, and Congressman Katko,

The Hydraulic Institute (HI), as a representative of our nation’s leading manufacturers and distributors of pumps and pumping systems, strongly supports the bipartisan Water Quality Protection and Jobs Creation Act of 2019. The $23.5 B investment in our nation’s Clean Water and Stormwater management programs called for in your legislation makes eminent economic and environmental sense. Pumps and pumping systems have historically played a critical role in the operation of America’s wastewater and stormwater treatment infrastructure and HI is committed to working with you to deliver clean water in the 21st Century.

Today, pump systems account for over 20 percent of electricity usage in the United States and represent one of our most promising opportunities to reduce electricity consumption and lower manufacturing costs. Founded in 1917, the Hydraulic Institute has worked closely with the Federal Government over the past Century on the development of pump manufacturing standards that have directly and indirectly benefitted the lives of every American. HI believes that future federal investments in America’s water infrastructure should prioritize the installation of energy efficient pumps and pumping systems. Investments in energy efficient pumps supports domestic manufacturing jobs in the short-term and significantly reduces the cost of Clean Water for communities, businesses and consumers in the long-term.
The Water Quality Protection and Jobs Creation Act of 2019 advances significant, fiscally responsible, investments in our nation’s water infrastructure and HI is committed to working with you to secure broad bipartisan Congressional support and enactment into law for this landmark legislation.

Sincerely,

Michael Michaud  
Executive Director  
Hydraulic Institute