



March 4, 2019

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio,

On behalf of the Municipal Castings Association (MCA) and its member companies, thank you for your leadership on bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program. An infusion of funding – coupled with the certainty of a five-year authorization – will allow a backlog of much-needed clean water infrastructure projects to move forward and, in so doing, will create tens of thousands of jobs nationwide.

The MCA is a coalition of U.S. manufacturers of iron, steel and other metals castings used in clean water and other public works infrastructure projects across the United States. The association and its member companies know firsthand that federal investments in America's clean and wastewater infrastructure systems are desperately needed, with an estimated national need of \$300 billion over the next two decades. Adequately funding the CWSRF program – which for more than thirty years has provided financial assistance to local governments and water agencies to make critical water quality investments in their communities – will help address this considerable backlog. These investments not only improve public health and help protect the environment, if wisely spent, they create and sustain good-paying American manufacturing jobs, benefiting entire U.S. supply chains.

On behalf of the MCA, thank you for your work to move this much-needed reauthorization forward and for your longstanding commitment to improving this nation's water infrastructure. We stand ready to work with you and your colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure that the CWSRF receives adequate long-term funding to meet America's wastewater infrastructure needs and to provide a significant return on taxpayer investments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul C. Rosenthal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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McWane Inc.
Birmingham, AL

East Jordan Iron Works, Inc.
East Jordan, MI and Ardmore, OK

U.S. Foundry & Eagle Manufacturing Group
Medley, FL

Charlotte Pipe & Foundry Company
Charlotte, NC

Spring City Electrical Manufacturing
Spring City, PA

Neenah Foundry Company
Neenah, WI

Deeter Foundry Incorporated
Lincoln, NE

EBAA Iron, Inc.
Eastland, TX

D&L Foundry Inc.
Moses Lake, WA