

North American Concrete Alliance

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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

NACA Supports the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019

Dear Chairman DeFazio:

The North American Concrete Alliance (NACA) is a coalition of 12 concrete-related trade associations that provide construction materials and equipment essential for America's transportation and infrastructure. Our member companies employ tens of thousands of workers in well-paying American jobs, and we strongly support increased investment in the nation's infrastructure, including wastewater systems.

NACA supports the introduction of the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019. This important bill addresses the nation's chronic underinvestment in sewers and wastewater infrastructure by reauthorizing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), since the program's inception more than three decades ago the SRF has supported more than \$126 billion in combined investment in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, approximately three dollars of project assistance for each dollar of federal capitalization. Wastewater treatment serves a critical public health need.

While the SRF program has a commendable track record, the nation's wastewater investment needs are still staggering. The American Society of Civil Engineers has given our nation's wastewater, stormwater and water treatment infrastructure a grade of D+. EPA has projected that at least \$271 billion must be invested to meet usage demands over the next two decades. By reauthorizing the Clean Water SRF program with annual authorization levels of \$4 billion for each of the next five years, this bill will take an important step towards addressing these needs.

On behalf of our member organizations, we thank you for your leadership on this issue and for your commitment to investing in infrastructure that will strengthen the economy and improve the environment, public health and quality of life for all Americans. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to enact this important legislation into law.

Sincerely,

American Concrete Pavement Association	National Concrete Masonry Association
American Concrete Pipe Association	National Precast Concrete Association
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association	National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
American Concrete Pumping Association	Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
Concrete Foundations Association	Portland Cement Association
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute	Tilt-Up Concrete Association