

March 4, 2019

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2134 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio,

I write today on behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) in support of the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019.

The NWRA is a non-partisan, non-profit association that represents state water associations, and both agricultural and municipal water providers. Collectively NWRA members help provide water to more than 50 million people throughout the Western and Southeastern United States. Our members work to deliver water and power resources that help our nation flourish. Access to a safe, reliable, and affordable supply of water is of critical importance to the health and well being of our nation's citizens and is also vital to the health of our nation's economy.

The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019 would reauthorize critical funding for water infrastructure. This is sound policy. As you know an investment in water infrastructure is an investment in our nation's economy, its health, and its future. Sanitary wastewater services and clean drinking water dramatically improve public health and safety and are vital to every community. Access to a reliable supply of water is a fundamental necessity for any and all economic development. Investing in water infrastructure is one of the most prudent investments the federal government can make.

We appreciate your leadership on the many issues facing our nation's water providers and stand ready to assist you in securing passage of the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019.

Sincerely,



Ian Lyle
Executive Vice President
National Water Resources Association