



May 3, 2017

The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
2134 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano  
1610 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives DeFazio and Napolitano:

On behalf of the WaterReuse Association, I write to express our strong support for reauthorization of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, which has a proven record of success.

The WaterReuse Association is a not-for-profit, trade association of water utilities, government agencies and industry that advocates for federal and state laws, policies and funding to promote water reuse and recycling. Our utility members represent more than 200 communities around the country, serving more than 60 million Americans and utility customers

Our members, along with water utilities across the nation, rely on the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds to finance construction of critical water infrastructure, including wastewater treatment plants and water reuse facilities. These facilities increase protection for the environment and provide a safe, reliable supply of water which is essential for safeguarding human health and fostering economic growth.

The State Revolving Funds are a model for federal investment in infrastructure. Because the program requires a state match and encourages states to leverage federal funding, states can assemble the capital required to pay for badly needed projects that might not otherwise be funded or built. In fact, every dollar invested by the federal government generates nearly \$3 in state and local funding.

Because the low-interest loan programs are implemented by the states, programs can be tailored to meet the needs and priorities of its communities, ensuring the most efficient and effective use of both federal and state taxpayer dollars. Additionally, repayments to the loan programs provide a sustainable source of recurring revenue to meet future

demand for new or improved water infrastructure, which is expected to exceed \$700 billion nationally over the next 20 years.

The State Revolving Funds also energizes the economy and create jobs. A 2016 study by WateReuse and the Water Environment Federation found that a federal investment of \$34.7 billion into the State Revolving Funds over five years will generate \$102.7 billion in total economic input and create more than 500,000 jobs. According to a 2008 study by the U.S. Conference of Mayors Water Council Report, every job created in water and wastewater infrastructure leads to nearly four jobs nationally and every \$1 invested in water and wastewater infrastructure increases long-term GDP by \$6.35.

Significant and sustained investment in America's water infrastructure is an investment in our environment, public health, economy and quality of life. For these reasons, we urge Congress to reauthorize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Thank you for your leadership and support of investment in water infrastructure. We look forward to working with you to ensure this important legislation is passed.

Sincerely,

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President, WateReuse