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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
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The Honorable Bruce Westerman

Ranking Member

House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

Dear Chairman DeFazio, Chairwoman Napolitano, Ranking Member Graves, and
Ranking Member Westerman:

Thank you for hard work in developing H.R. 1497, the Water Quality Protection and
Job Creation Act of 2019. The updated version of the bill includes many critical
provisions that will help communities across the country invest in innovative water
management solutions, including water recycling.

In particular, we want to thank you for including reauthorization language for the
Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants, which authorizes the U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency to make competitive grants to state, interstate, and
intrastate water resource development agencies to engineer, design, construct, and
test alternative water source systems. We offer our strong support for reauthorizing
this program.

We also thank you and offer our support for efforts to reauthorize other important
programs in the bill, including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Sewer
Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program, among others.

Water reuse is growing in importance and in popularity across the country. In some
communities, it is used to create a resilient and drought-proof water supply. In others,
it protects sensitive waterways and alleviates over-burdened centralized treatment
facilities. Industries are also increasingly using water recycling as a way to reduce their
environmental footprint and meet sustainability goals.

H.R. 1497 offers communities the tools and resources that they need to invest in water recycling and better manage their water supplies to meet environmental, public health, and economic goals concurrently. Thank you again for moving this important legislation forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pat. Sinicropi', written in a cursive style.

Patricia Sinicropi
Executive Director

