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Representative Jared Huffman
United States House of Representatives
1630 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Dana Rohrabacher
United States House of Representatives
2300 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR WATER REBATE TAX PARITY LEGISLATION

Dear Representatives Huffman and Rohrabacher:

On behalf of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), I am writing in support of H.R. 4615, the *Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act*. NACWA represents nearly 300 public clean water utilities throughout the nation, many of which are actively engaged in or working to develop rebate programs that encourage greater management of stormwater on private property.

Incentivizing stormwater management on private property can be a cost-effective approach to addressing a community's water resiliency needs and reducing the negative water quality impacts from wet weather events. The provisions in the *Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act* would provide certainty to residential property owners that rebates they receive from wastewater and stormwater utilities will not be counted as taxable income. This certainty will help to incentivize participation by homeowners in these programs and also provide greater clarity for utilities working to develop and implement water rebate programs in accordance with all applicable laws.

Thank you for your leadership in advancing stormwater management and water conservation. As communities across the U.S. manage their water challenges, innovative and cost-effective approaches including rebate programs can play a key part of sustainable water management. Please contact Kristina Surfus, NACWA's Legislative Affairs Manager, at ksurfus@nacwa.org if you have any questions or would like to discuss these issues further.

Sincerely,



Adam Krantz
Chief Executive Officer