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September 3, 2025

Dr. Shaunta Hill-Hammond
Designated Federal Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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Submitted electronically via email: hill-hammond.shaunta@epa.gov

Re: NACWA Recommendation Letter for Dr. Charles Bott to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2025 Science Advisory Board

Dear Dr. Hill-Hammond:

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) appreciates the opportunity to support the nomination of an exceptional candidate, Dr. Charles Bott, Chief Technology Officer with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD)—a nationally recognized public wastewater utility serving communities throughout southeastern Virginia—for membership on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board (SAB).

NACWA represents the interests of more than 360 public wastewater treatment utilities that, on a daily basis, manage billions of gallons of wastewater and ensure the continued protection of public health and the environment. Dr. Bott has long been engaged in advancing innovative technologies and approaches that strengthen the public clean water sector's ability to meet environmental and public health challenges. He is a highly respected leader in the national clean water community, recognized for his technical expertise and scientific insight. As a member of EPA's SAB, he would provide exceptional contributions while bringing an important municipal utility perspective to the Board's deliberations.

Dr. Bott is one of the nation's leading experts in wastewater treatment and resource recovery, with over 25 years of experience advancing innovative technologies that protect public health and the environment. At HRSD, he leads nationally recognized research programs in nutrient removal, potable reuse, biosolids management, and the treatment of emerging contaminants such as PFAS. His work has been instrumental in bridging cutting-edge science with practical utility application, ensuring that new approaches are both sustainable and cost-effective.

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Dr. Bott's distinguished career and record of innovation will bring exceptional value to the SAB. For example, under his leadership, HRSD has implemented advanced treatment and reuse projects that are nationally recognized models for sustainability and resilience. He has also played a central role in collaborative research programs supported by the Water Environment Federation, Water Research Foundation, and other national and international organizations, contributing to the development of new approaches that have reshaped the state of clean water science and practice. His expertise, collaborative approach, and deep understanding of both scientific research and public utility operations make him uniquely qualified to contribute to the SAB.

In addition to his leadership role at HRSD, Dr. Bott has served as President of the International Water Association's Nutrient Removal and Recovery Specialist Group, as a member of EPA's Environmental Engineering Committee, and as an active contributor to numerous professional organizations and research advisory panels.

NACWA believes that having a seasoned utility research leader and nationally recognized technical expert on the SAB will bring an invaluable and much needed perspective to the Board. NACWA appreciates the opportunity to submit this nomination and strongly recommends Dr. Charles Bott for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Krantz", with a large, sweeping underline.

Adam Krantz
CEO