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The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

Our organizations are pleased to support passage of S. 3021, America's Water Infrastructure Act. This bipartisan legislation achieves a number of key priorities of the drinking water and wastewater sectors. We hope the full Senate will have an opportunity to vote on this bill as soon as possible.

The members of AWWA and AMWA serve more than 80 percent of the American public with drinking water. The membership of our respective organizations includes small, medium and large water utilities, both public and private or investor owned. NACWA and WEF members provide an equivalent level of service in the wastewater and stormwater sectors.

In particular, we support the bill's two-year reauthorization of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program and provisions that will allow EPA to aid implementation of the U.S. Army Corps' of Engineers' own version of WIFIA. We appreciate that the bill also includes a three-year reauthorization of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program, as well as new funding authorizations that will support water infrastructure resiliency investment, programs to address lead in schools, and the development of a sustainable water sector workforce.

Other key provisions will formally authorize EPA's WaterSense program, modernize drinking water facility security standards, promote water utility partnerships, facilitate the development of advanced water treatment technologies, and create a stormwater infrastructure funding task force. Each of these policies will contribute toward more robust and sustainable drinking water and wastewater infrastructure across the country.

We also thank you for your commitment to other important water issues advanced by the committee this Congress, including integrated planning and affordability, and look forward to continued work with you on these issues.

Again, we would like to express our support for America's Water Infrastructure Act, and commend you and your colleagues for your leadership in developing this landmark legislation.

Sincerely,

American Water Works Association
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
Water Environment Federation