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Dear Mr. Ross:

On behalf of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), I congratulate you on your confirmation as Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water. We look forward to working closely with you moving forward and building on the relationship we have developed with the Office of Water over many decades.

NACWA is the leading national advocacy voice for the nation's public wastewater and stormwater utilities. We have nearly 300 public agency members across the country representing a diverse array of geographical locations and populations. Our member agencies treat and reclaim water for over 124 million people in 46 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Our members are true public servants, working on the front lines every day for environmental and public health protection on behalf of their communities.

NACWA greatly appreciates our strong communication and working relationship with EPA on a wide array of water issues. We are especially excited to work with you and your team to bolster the innovation and creative new approaches being used by public clean water utilities to protect public health and the environment, including opportunities for responsible regulatory streamlining and greater use of collaborative, holistic watershed solutions.

I would also like to extend an invitation for you to be the featured speaker during our upcoming Winter Conference, *Exploring Net Environmental Benefit: Balancing Science & Cost*, in Napa, California on the morning of February 9th. The program will examine the intersection of science, policy, and economics—

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and how the nexus of these issues directly impacts public clean water utilities and the communities they serve. It would be an honor to have you participate and engage directly with NACWA's public utility members. We have already been in communication with Office of Water staff about this invitation and can provide additional details as needed.

Again, congratulations. After the New Year, once you have had a chance to get settled, we would like to set up a meeting with you to discuss the clean water community's key issues and concerns. I look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the Office of Water to continue elevating clean water as a national priority.

Please feel free to contact me directly at akrantz@nacwa.org or 202/833.4651.

Sincerely,

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

Adam Krantz

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