October 5, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

On behalf of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), which represents over 340 public wastewater and stormwater utilities across the country, I write in support of language under consideration in Congress which seeks to advances the U.S. EPA’s work to address PFAS through the Clean Water Act.

NACWA appreciates that your Committee has worked to craft legislation that would strategically focus on source control approaches to help keep PFAS out of our nation’s waterways. Specifically, your legislation (as passed in H.R. 2467, Sec. 17) would set timelines and guardrails for EPA to establish recommended human health water quality criteria, effluent limitation guidelines and pretreatment standards for certain industrial categories.

NACWA sincerely appreciates your dedication to working with us to ensure that legislation is workable and would advance public health and environmental protection in a meaningful way, based on sound science.

Development of such standards is not without significant cost and compliance concerns for clean water agencies. But it will also provide important guidance and clarity for regulated utilities and the public. We appreciate Congress’ efforts to provide funding to help public clean water agencies address new PFAS costs, helping protect the public ratepayers from burdens to manage pollution they did not create.

Enclosed, please find a document outlining considerations and requests from the public clean water sector as potential regulations advance.
Thank you again for your continued attention to PFAS concerns and the recommendations of the public clean water sector. Please don't hesitate to reach out anytime to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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CEO