



September 29, 2022

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chairwoman
Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation
U.S. Senate
Washington D.C., 20510

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation
U.S. Senate
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Dear Chairwoman Cantwell and Ranking Member Wicker:

The undersigned organizations, write in support of the *Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution Prevention and Environmental Safety (WIPPES) Act (S. 3956)*. We request that the Committee report out S. 3956 to the Senate without further delay to allow for final consideration this year. This bipartisan legislation takes a straightforward and reasonable approach to addressing the pervasive, but ultimately preventable pollution problem stemming from the improper disposal of non-flushable wipes in the nation's wastewater systems.

The wipes industry, environmental advocates, and the clean water sector believe the legislation will advance our mutually shared interest to protect public infrastructure and the environment by promoting responsible disposal habits. The WIPPES Act provides a common sense "Do Not Flush" labeling requirement for non-flushable wipes packaging and establishes a simple source management solution through consistent on-package consumer education. Further, the education and outreach grants program would support clean water agencies, local communities, and nonprofits in educating ratepayers about proper disposal methods to help drive behavioral changes in disposing of these products.

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Thank you for your leadership to address and develop common-sense and bipartisan solutions to the unique problems related to the flushing of non-flushable wipes. We look forward to working with you in the coming months to advance this legislation into national law.

Sincerely,

Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry
California Association of Sanitation Agencies
Kimberly-Clark
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
National Stewardship Action Council
Procter & Gamble
Water Environment Federation