Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds Sustain Michigan’s Water Infrastructure

$2.06 billion – The value of tax-exempt municipal bonds communities across Michigan issued in 2016 to fund improvements to drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

$875 million – Additional debt service costs cities and towns in Michigan would incur over their payback periods if interest earned on these bonds was fully taxable, a 25 percent increase.*

$83.3 million – Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund assistance the federal government provided to Michigan in 2016. Fully taxing municipal bond interest would cost the state more than 10 times the value of this year’s SRF assistance.

Affordable investment in Michigan’s water infrastructure should not be a consequence of tax reform.

AMWA and NACWA urge you to preserve tax-exempt municipal bonds.

*Based on Bloomberg data assuming uniform $50 million projects with 30-year loan maturities and “AA” credit ratings.