

Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds Sustain Montana's Water Infrastructure

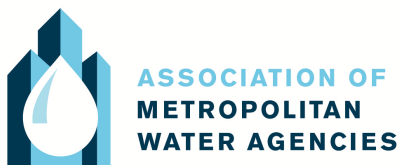
\$17.5 million – The value of tax-exempt municipal bonds communities across Montana issued in 2015 to fund improvements to drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

\$7.4 million – Additional debt service costs cities and towns in Montana would incur over their payback periods if interest earned on these bonds was fully taxable, **a 25 percent increase**.*

\$14.8 million – Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund assistance the federal government provided to Montana in 2016. Fully taxing municipal bond interest would cost the state **50 percent** of the value of this year's SRF assistance.

Affordable investment in Montana'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.