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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader, United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker, United States House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader, United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader, United States House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, Leader Schumer, and Leader Jeffries:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Clean Water Construction Coalition ([CWCC](#)), an organization of infrastructure construction associations supporting federal policy priorities that improve water and wastewater infrastructure.

As Congress considers legislation to reauthorize Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) water infrastructure programs, we ask that you increase authorized funding levels for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program, as well as provide direct appropriations to these accounts. These investments are essential to continue the progress made under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and to prevent a water funding cliff that would slow the pace of completing important projects across the country.

America's water systems are the foundation of public health, local economies, and community well-being. Despite this, there is a massive investment gap. EPA's most recent needs surveys show **over \$1.2 trillion in drinking water and clean water infrastructure needs over the next 20 years**. Research released this month by the Value of Water (VOW) Campaign projects that **the true 20-year investment need is as high as \$3.4 trillion**. This significant, growing level of need comes as the share of **federal investment in water infrastructure has declined by more than 30 percent in recent decades**, leaving many state and local governments struggling to maintain aging systems while keeping rates affordable for residents.

The regulatory requirements for our nation's water systems to remediate contaminants including lead and PFAS are also set to increase in the coming years. These strengthened requirements are essential to protect public health, but meeting heightened standards will come with a significant price tag for water systems. It is of paramount importance that federal funding keeps pace with the growing need for investment in communities.

Programs like the SRFs and WIFIA are proven investment mechanisms that help water systems address these challenges. Through the SRFs, states provide low-interest loans, principal forgiveness, and technical assistance for critical water projects. **These tools save communities**

an average of \$960 million in interest costs over the life of a loan and can cut total financing costs by more than half. Reauthorizing and strengthening these programs will ensure that every community, large or small, has access to reliable and affordable financing to modernize its water systems.

Investing in water infrastructure also means investing in American workers and local economies. Clean water projects support thousands of high-quality, American jobs – many in construction and other skilled trades – and fuels economic development in communities nationwide. **Every job created in the water sector is projected to add an average of 3.68 additional jobs in the national economy.** These investments also protect public health. The EPA estimates that **avoiding water system failures could save \$7.7 billion in healthcare-related costs over the next two decades.**

To protect the progress made under the IIJA and meet growing needs across the nation, we urge Congress to:

- Reauthorize EPA water infrastructure programs at increased levels of funding, including the Drinking Water and Clean Water SRFs and WIFIA; and
- Provide direct supplemental appropriations to the SRF programs that sustain and expand the pace of investment in water infrastructure.

Thank you for your leadership on water policy issues and for your continued commitment to investments that strengthen America's communities. CWCC stands ready to support your efforts and welcomes the opportunity to collaborate on these shared goals. Please reach out to **Kyle England** (kyle@utcanj.org) and **Ted Mondloch** (Ted@current-dc.com) for more information about the coalition or our support for robust water infrastructure funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kyle England

Chair, Clean Water Construction Coalition

Cc: Chair Capito, Ranking Member Whitehouse, Chair Guthrie, Ranking Member Pallone, Chair Graves, Ranking Member Larsen