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The Honorable Tim Bishop  
306 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steven LaTourette  
2371 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Petri  
2462 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nick Rahall  
2307 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Re: WIN's Support for the Bipartisan "Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act"**

Dear Congressmen Bishop, LaTourette, Petri and Rahall,

The Water Infrastructure Network (WIN), a coalition of the nation's leading construction, engineering, municipal, public works, conservation labor and manufacturing organizations, strongly supports your bipartisan work to address the nation's water infrastructure funding crisis. The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2011 represents a thoughtful and timely approach to putting thousands of Americans to work in the short term and enhancing our nation's competitiveness in the long term. WIN and its Members are committed to working with you to secure broad bipartisan support for legislation providing critical investment in our nation's water infrastructure.

Funding for our nation's clean water infrastructure has enjoyed broad bipartisan support over the past three decades and we believe your legislation continues that tradition. During the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, the House of Representatives passed the \$18.6 B Water Quality Investment Act (HR 1262) on a vote of 317 – 101, with all but three Members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee supporting its passage. Water infrastructure investment enjoys broad bipartisan support in the Senate as well. During the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, the \$38.5 B Water Infrastructure Financing Act (S.1005) authored by Senators Boxer, Inhofe, Cardin and Crapo was approved by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee by a vote of 17-2. The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act merits comparable bipartisan support.

Investment in water infrastructure is a time tested job creator. The Associated General Contractors of America has found that every \$1 B of spending on water infrastructure created over 28,500 jobs in construction and construction related activities. Investing in water infrastructure makes eminent economic and environmental sense and we will work with you to make these investments a reality.

Sincerely,

**The Water Infrastructure Network**