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INVEST IN AMERICA
Cosponsor HR 4560
"The Clean Water Trust Act"

Dear Colleague:

Our Nation is facing a clean water infrastructure crisis that will ultimately undermine our economy, threaten public health and drain the Federal Treasury. According to both the Congressional Budget Office and the Government Accounting Office the projected shortfall in clean water infrastructure investment will approach \$500 billion over the next two decades.

For these reasons, I am introducing the DEFICIT NEUTRAL Clean Water Trust Act of 2005, legislation that will save \$1.5 billion in General Fund Revenues annually, and provide long-term, dependable, funding for our Nation's most critical infrastructure.

Failure to begin the dialogue on financing our Nation's Clean Water Infrastructure will have disastrous implications for our economy, public health and the federal deficit. With these considerations in mind, I ask you to join me in beginning the critical dialogue needed and cosponsor the DEFICIT NEUTRAL, Clean Water Trust Act - HR 4560.

THE FACTS:

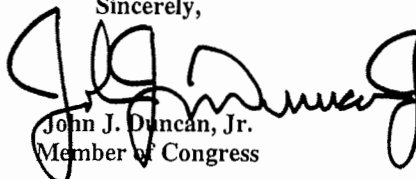
- HR 4560 is Deficit Neutral
- HR 4560 will save the Federal Government \$1.5 billion annually
- User financed trust funds have served as the primary financing mechanism for our Nation's highway and aviation infrastructure
- America faces a \$500 billion shortfall in Clean Water Funding
- Meeting the critical health and environment standards of the Clean Water Act constitutes the single largest federally unfunded mandate facing communities in America
- Abundant Clean Water is central to the vitality of nearly all sectors of the US economy, Manufacturing alone consumes 13 trillion gallons annually and Agriculture over twice that amount

PUBLIC OPINION:

- 86% of Americans polled support the introduction of a bill in the US Congress that would create a long-term, sustainable and reliable Trust Fund for clean water infrastructure.
- 78% of Americans polled stated they would be more likely to vote for their Congressman if he or she voted for the creation of a federal Trust Fund that would guarantee annual funding for clean water.

Fiscal realities and economic imperatives necessitate the establishment of a Deficit Neutral, user fee financed, trust fund for America's Clean Water Infrastructure. Attached for your review is a list America's leading rural, municipal, state, contractor, conservation and engineering organizations that are supporting the Clean Water Trust Act. To cosponsor HR 4560 please contact Don Walker of my staff at: 225 - 5435.

Sincerely,



John J. Duncan, Jr.
Member of Congress