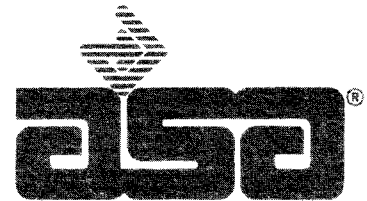


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The American Supply Association (ASA) is the national organization serving wholesale distributors and their suppliers in the plumbing, heating, cooling and industrial pipe, valves, and fittings industries. Members of ASA are distributors, manufacturers, service vendors and independent manufacturer's representatives.

ASA applauds the Subcommittee for its making investment in clean water and reauthorization of the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRLF) one of the first orders of business in the 110th Congress. Continued funding of water infrastructure projects is of vital importance to our nation's economy. Quick reauthorization by the Congress will allow pending projects to move forward.

In addition, ASA firmly believes that the time for a Clean Water Trust Fund, providing long-term, sustainable funding is now. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and the Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) report a funding gap of \$300 billion to \$500 billion over 20 years between what is needed and what is actually spent on our infrastructure. Without a federal recommitment to clean water, the costs of maintaining existing and aging infrastructure, further stressed by ever increasing