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WIN Strongly Supports “The Water Protection and Reinvestment Act”

As America’s leading construction, engineering, conservation, labor, municipal, and manufacturing organizations, the members of the Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) strongly support the “The Water Protection and Reinvestment Act” as introduced by Congressman Blumenauer, Congressman Simpson, Congressman Dicks and Congressman LaTourette. This bipartisan legislation will establish for the first time a water trust fund, guaranteeing long overdue investment in our nation’s critical water infrastructure. “The Water Protection and Reinvestment Act” will create nearly 2 million quality jobs in the short term and contribute to the long term competitiveness of American industry. Clean and safe water is essential to the health of our economy our environment and our citizens.

It is estimated that each \$1 billion spent on wastewater infrastructure will create approximately 35,000 jobs, improving and upgrading our nation’s critical water infrastructure. Thus, a \$50 billion investment in water infrastructure over the next five years would create approximately 1,750,000 new jobs. “The Water Protection and Reinvestment Act” makes eminent economic and environmental sense for America.

This timely legislation will help address the \$300-500 billion water infrastructure funding gap reported by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the WIN, while creating good jobs in communities across America. These jobs cannot be exported, and will employ workers with a broad range of skills, including architects, engineers and construction workers.

WIN is committed to working with the bipartisan leadership of the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee to move this legislation through the 111th Congress and to the President’s desk. WIN is also working closely with Members of the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on the development of companion legislation for introduction in the Senate later this year.

Our nation’s major infrastructure investments, including surface transportation and aviation, have been financed through dedicated trust funds. Today, marks a historic step toward assuring comparable long term, sustainable, dedicated funding for America’s most fundamental infrastructure -- water infrastructure. Congressman Blumenauer and the original cosponsors of the “Water Protection and Reinvestment Act” have demonstrated great leadership and vision with the introduction of this landmark legislation.

A listing of WIN Members appears on the back of this release

- **National Association of Clean Water Agencies**
- **Associated General Contractors of America**
- **American Society of Civil Engineers**
- **American Public Works Association**
- **American Council of Engineering Companies**
- **American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association**
- **International Union of Operating Engineers**
- **International Union of Bricklayers**
- **Laborers International of North America**
- **United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices in the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry**
- **American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees**
- **Water Environment Federation**
- **Western Coalition of Arid States**
- **Food and Water Watch**
- **Clean Water Action**
- **Chesapeake Bay Foundation**
- **American Rivers**
- **Natural Resources Defense Council**
- **Healing Our Waters - Great Lakes Coalition**
- **Riverkeeper**
- **Trout Unlimited**
- **Ducks Unlimited**
- **American Sportfishing Association**
- **Rural Community Assistance Partnership**
- **Association of California Water Agencies**
- **Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership**
- **United Brotherhood of Carpenters**
- **Design Build Institute of America**
- **California Rebuild America Coalition**
- **Associated Equipment Distributors**
- **Association of Equipment Manufacturers**
- **National Construction Alliance**
- **Clean Water Construction Coalition**
- **Construction Management Association of America**
- **Association of Equipment Manufacturers**
- **American Supply Association**
- **Vinyl Institute**
- **Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association**
- **Pipe Rehabilitation Council**
- **Portland Cement Association**
- **National Ready Mix Concrete Association**
- **Vermeer Corp.**
- **California Association of Sanitation Agencies**
- **National Association of Towns and Townships**
- **National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies**
- **North American Power Sweeping Association**
- **National Society of Professional Engineers**
- **Environmental and Energy Study Institute**
- **Underground Contractors Association of Illinois**