



April 28, 2021

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito,

On behalf of the state and local elected leaders that our organizations represent, we applaud Congress on the work done thus far to advance drinking water and wastewater infrastructure but write to express our concerns with the proposed amendment offered by Senator Marco Rubio to the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021.

Our members have depended on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, an integral state-federal partnership, since its enactment in 1987 to ensure a wide range of water quality projects for our citizens. This low-cost financing provides opportunity for critical water infrastructure projects, while providing funding certainty and predictably to states. Should Congress decide to alter the formula, our members must have the opportunity to hold conversations with leaders on the Hill and members of their delegation via the proper regular order processes for legislation, which would include hearings and an opportunity for stakeholders to weigh in throughout the process.

Given the current fiscal realities in communities across the nation due to the effects of COVID-19, we encourage Congress to ensure that our members have the opportunity to weigh in, via normal order in an open and transparent process, on an issue that has the ability to affect state budgets and funding certainty. It is vital that our members fully understand the impacts any formula changes may have. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us: Kristen Hildreth (NCSL) at 202-624-3597 or kristen.hildreth@ncsl.org; Adam Pugh (NACo) at 202-942-4269 or apugh@naco.org; Carolyn Berndt (NLC) at 202-626-3101 or Berndt@nlc.org; Judy Sheahan (USCM) at 202-861-6775 or jsheahan@usmayors.org; Eli Spang (NARC) at 202-618-6363 or eli.spang@narc.org.

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