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Dear NACWA Public Agency Member:

With the 113th Congress now underway and an agenda that is likely to include issues of key concern to your agency — including infrastructure, energy, agriculture, and budget-related legislation — I wanted to reach out to you to seek your support for NACWA's agenda by contacting your Members of Congress in their home districts.

One of the many important ways NACWA members can ensure Congress prioritizes a clean water agenda is by reaching out to them and their staffs in their home districts to educate them on clean water issues that matter to their local communities and develop a relationship that can help support sound federal clean water policy. With this in mind, NACWA is launching a more concerted effort to encourage our members to arrange regular visits with their respective Congressional delegations and we encourage you to kick this off with either an on-site facility tour or a visit to your Members' district offices.

Realizing that many of you already have established good working relationships with your Congressional delegation, this effort is designed to do several things:

1. Support your ongoing outreach through a newly added [Congressional Toolbox](#) on the NACWA website with [factsheets](#) and other useful information to share with your Representatives and Senators about NACWA's federal policy agenda;
2. Work with NACWA members who have not yet reached out to Members of Congress and provide support for how to do so; and,
3. Track those meetings that do occur so that NACWA can more effectively advocate on your behalf on federal clean water policy.

Contact information for your Representatives and Senators can be found on the [House](#) and [Senate](#) websites. Appointments can be arranged by calling their schedulers at a main office number. If Members of Congress or their staffs are not available for in-district visits, I encourage you to arrange meetings with them while you are in Washington, D.C. for NACWA's [National Environmental Policy Forum](#), April 21-24, 2013.

Claire Moser, NACWA's Government Affairs Assistant, will also be contacting you periodically via email to offer NACWA's assistance with additional Congressional outreach efforts and to receive any feedback you may have that could benefit or inform our National advocacy efforts. Our goal is to get 100% participation by our members this first year of Congress and annually thereafter.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to working with you during the 113th Congress!

Thank you,

Ken Kirk

