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The Honorable James L. Oberstar  
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
Rayburn House Office Building 2165  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tim Bishop  
U.S. House of Representatives  
225 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-3201

Dear Chairman Oberstar & Rep. Bishop,

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) appreciates your ongoing leadership on, and commitment to, clean and safe water in the U.S. As the leading advocacy organization representing the nation's public wastewater treatment agencies, NACWA supports your legislation, the *Raw Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act* (H.R. 2452), with the understanding that the revised NACWA/American Rivers negotiated version of the bill will be included as a substitute amendment during the House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee markup.

NACWA greatly appreciates the efforts of your staff and the staff of American Rivers in working through the negotiation process with us, resulting in key improvements and needed flexibility to H.R. 2452. The Association continues to believe that the reporting and notification requirements would be best addressed through a comprehensive sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) rule rather than a piecemeal approach, and we hope to work with you toward this overall goal. NACWA also looks forward to continuing to work with you and your staff as H.R. 2452 moves forward.

Sincerely,



Ken Kirk  
NACWA Executive Director