

March 23, 2009

Support Water Infrastructure Funding in FY2010

Deadline for cosignatories – 4/1/2009

Dear Colleague,

Please join us in supporting critical funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund as part of the FY2010 appropriations process. Less than two weeks ago, the House passed the Water Quality Investment Act to renew our nation's commitment to clean water. This letter builds on that commitment by urging House Appropriators to fund the Clean Water SRF at the President's recommended level of \$2.4 billion.

While the nation's water infrastructure needs continue to grow, our investment has not matched our rhetoric. With an estimated \$390 billion backlog in water infrastructure need, CBO estimates we must investment of between \$13 billion and \$20.9 billion in wastewater treatment *annually*.

Without significant investment in our water infrastructure, our nation could face a reversal of the gains we have enjoyed since the passage of the Clean Water Act. Our constituents demand that we move forward in protecting public health and the environment while creating new jobs for hardworking Americans during these trying economic times.

The President's request of \$2.4 billion for the Clean Water SRF goes a long way toward reducing our nation's infrastructure backlog and putting our nation on the right path for maintaining our nation's commitment to clean water.

If you are interested in signing the letter, please contact Mark Copeland with Rep. Bishop at 5-3826 or mark.copeland@mail.house.gov, or Roderick Hall at 5-8885 or roderick.hall@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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