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October 26, 2009

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

The undersigned organizations, representing wastewater treatment works and community water systems across the nation, write to ensure wastewater facility security legislation reaches the House floor in tandem with consideration of the *Drinking Water System Security Act* (H.R. 3258) and the *Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act* (H.R. 2868). Should H.R. 3258 become part of a comprehensive chemical security measure, we urge similar treatment of wastewater facility security legislation. We support the advancement of the manager's amendment to the *Wastewater Treatment Works Security Act* (H.R. 2883) consistent with the Administration's position, offered during an October 1, 2009 hearing of the Energy and Environment subcommittee, that water and wastewater facility security should be overseen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

We appreciate the House's interest in moving these bills. However, without consideration of H.R. 2883, this would lead to separate regulatory regimes for drinking water system and wastewater treatment system security. Numerous local agencies provide both water and wastewater treatment services. The dual regulatory system is counterproductive, entirely without any security benefits, and contrary to the Administration's declared position. If H.R. 2868 does not reach the House floor in tandem with H.R. 2883, we would like wastewater utilities to receive an exemption from the bill's mandates to ensure that both drinking water and wastewater utilities are placed under the same regulatory program. It is important to note that we are not seeking an exemption for wastewater utilities under any security program, rather we are seeking that wastewater utilities be included under the same Federal agency security program as drinking water utilities to ensure cohesion of federal regulations and requirements between them both.

We believe it is in the national interest and good government that the duplication of regulatory mandates be avoided. During this austere budget climate, the ability to minimize costs for compliance is vital to local agencies. Our requested action will

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achieve our stated objectives, shared by the Administration, and avoid needless costs.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to working with you to resolve this issue. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Patricia Sinicropi, Legislative Director of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies at 202-833-2672.

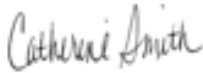
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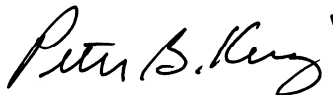
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