



October 29, 2009

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

Dear Madam Speaker:

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies and the California Association of Sanitation Agencies support incorporating wastewater facility security legislation into the *Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act* (H.R. 2868) once chemical facility legislation is sent to the House floor. In furtherance of this objective, we support including the *Wastewater Treatment Works Security Act* (H.R. 2883) as a separate title in comprehensive chemical facility legislation. We have reviewed the manager's amendment to H.R. 2883, and believe this language addresses our primary concern: the prospect of separate regulatory regimes for drinking water and wastewater treatment systems. Numerous local agencies provide both water and wastewater treatment services. The dual regulatory system is counterproductive and entirely without any security benefits.

Our organizations have appreciated the opportunity to work with the Homeland Security, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Energy and Commerce Committees on reaching a resolution to this issue. We look forward to supporting your efforts to bring this legislation to the House floor for floor debate and passage. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Patricia Sinicropi, NACWA Legislative Director at 202-833-2672.

Sincerely,

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Ken Kirk
Executive Director
National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Smith".

Catherine Smith
Executive Director
California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)

Cc:

Chairman James Oberstar, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Chairman Bennie Thompson, House Homeland Security Committee

Chairman Henry Waxman, House Energy and Commerce Committee

Ranking Member John Mica, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Ranking Member Peter King, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Ranking Member Joe Barton, House Energy and Commerce Committee