

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Support Investment to Repair and Replace Our Nation's Crumbling Water Infrastructure
Cosponsor H.R. 1877, the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2013

Dear Colleague:

The American economy needs jobs, and the Congress has a responsibility to support programs that create jobs and improve the strength of the U.S. economy. That is what spending on water infrastructure systems through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) will do; plain and simple, it will create jobs and help recover and strengthen the U.S. economy. For every \$1 billion we spend on wastewater infrastructure, we can create as many as 33,000 jobs in communities across America while improving public health and the nation's environment. It is a win-win proposition.

The bipartisan **Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2013 (H.R. 1877)** renews the Federal commitment to addressing our nation's substantial needs for wastewater infrastructure by investing \$13.8 billion over five years in wastewater infrastructure through the Clean Water SRF and other efforts to improve water quality. The bill would also authorize two additional options for long-term, alternative financing mechanisms to provide several billion in supplementary funds for clean water infrastructure using the existing Clean Water SRF framework.

This legislation will create thousands of new, domestic jobs in the construction and wastewater-support sectors through increased investment in wastewater infrastructure, reduces the cost of constructing and maintaining that infrastructure, and promotes energy-efficiency and water-efficiency improvements to publicly owned treatment works to reduce long-term maintenance costs.

Meeting the critical water infrastructure investment needs of local communities is not a partisan issue. These are investments that benefit all Americans, the economies of all our States and communities, and provide the added benefit of protecting public health and the environment.

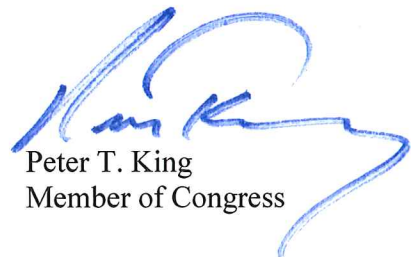
That is why the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, under both Republican and Democratic leadership, has advanced legislation to rebuild our nation's wastewater infrastructure, including several overwhelmingly bipartisan votes in Committee and on the House floor over the past decade. H.R. 1877 builds on this bipartisan momentum, and is supported by a coalition of municipal-wastewater, industry, labor, and conservation groups.

It is imperative to continue this bipartisan tradition in the 113th Congress through action on the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2013. Please contact Eddie Shimkus (Bishop) at Eddie.Shimkus@mail.house.gov or Jamie Tricarico (King) at Jamie.Tricarico@mail.house.gov for more information or to cosponsor H.R. 1877.

Sincerely,



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