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The Honorable Bill Pascrell
2370 Rayburn House Office Building
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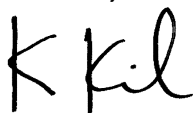
Dear Representative Pascrell,

On behalf of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, I am writing to lend our support for the "Water Quality Investment Act of 2014," a bill to reauthorize the sewer overflow control grants program and provide \$2.5 billion over the next five years to help clean water utilities better manage wet weather flows.

Many communities face massive combined sewer overflow (CSO) and sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) challenges that pose human and environmental health risks and funding is crucial for municipalities to address these challenges. Clean water agencies already face over \$350 billion in local clean water infrastructure projects over the next twenty years just to replace current infrastructure. Such huge investment gaps and the increasing number of wet weather consent decrees continue to increase the financial burden on municipalities. This bill authorizes much-needed funding for critical wet weather control projects.

Federal support for clean water projects has been essential to updating our nation's clean water infrastructure and continued support will be necessary to continue to protect the nations' water quality. NACWA thanks you for your leadership on these wet weather issues and we look forward to working with you to develop broad-based support for this legislation and urge all Members of Congress to support it.

Sincerely,



Ken Kirk
Executive Director