

June 23, 2016

Senator Pat Roberts
109 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1605

Dear Senator Roberts,

On April 28th the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee reported S.2848, the *Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016* on a near unanimous vote of 19-1, demonstrating that strong bipartisan support exists in the Senate for addressing our nation's water resource infrastructure. We urge your support for this important legislation.

In addition to authorizing critical U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) projects, this bipartisan package includes common sense reforms to the Clean Water Act (CWA) that save ratepayers millions of dollars, leverage the private marketplace for investments in water infrastructure, and strengthen tools to protect public health.

If enacted, S. 2848 will provide much needed relief to communities struggling to comply with unfunded federal mandates by ensuring clean water investments remain affordable to ratepayers and generate the greatest water quality gains at the lowest cost.

The bipartisan package also includes a range of provisions that address infrastructure investment, health, and safety issues of our drinking water and wastewater systems. Critically important are provisions to help communities struggling to ensure their drinking water supplies are not contaminated with lead. The bill also includes authorizations for important ACOE projects in Kansas including feasibility reports for new flood risk management projects in Manhattan, the Upper Turkey Creek Basin, and the Missouri River system in Kansas City. The bill also authorizes ACOE recommended project modifications in the Turkey Creek Basin.

Communities in regions across the country from the Midwest to the West to the Southeast will directly benefit by enacting S. 2848 – we urge your support and its swift consideration by the full Senate.

Sincerely,



Ed Eilert, Chairman