November 10, 2016

The Honorable Bill Shuster  
The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
The Honorable Bob Gibbs  
The Honorable Grace Napolitano  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives:

The California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) writes to reaffirm our earlier support for reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). Earlier this year, CASA wrote that renewal of WRDA and provisions to address our deteriorated infrastructure is vital to our communities' public health and economic well-being. We strongly request that when you meet in conference with the U.S. Senate conferees to reconcile differences between H.R. 5303 and S. 2848 that you agree to adopt provisions that would enhance our efforts to improve water quality. We attach our prior communication on WRDA reauthorization hereto.

Of specific interest to CASA is the adoption of language in S. 2848 designed to ensure that the availability of compliance schedules will continue as currently available, maintaining existing flexibility for state permitting authorities in the event conferees agree to adopt section 7203. Second, we support S. 2848’s provisions that would enhance the value of the state revolving loan fund program to address drought and resiliency needs and make WIFIA a permanent infrastructure assistance program.

Again, CASA urges you to adopt the Senate-passed provisions that would provide for important commitments to a robust federal water quality infrastructure program.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director