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The Honorable Benjamin Cardin
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The Honorable John Boozman
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Dear Senator Cardin and Senator Boozman:

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) strongly supports your efforts to increase investment in clean water infrastructure through S.1137, the *Clean Safe Reliable Water Infrastructure Act*. NACWA represents nearly 300 public clean water utilities of all sizes across the nation that are at the forefront of working to provide safe, clean, and reliable water resources to their communities.

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) has been a key financing mechanism for communities to invest in their clean water infrastructure since its establishment in 1987. It is the primary federal program providing low-cost loans to any size community to help meet obligations under the Clean Water Act (CWA). NACWA appreciates that your legislation affirms that it is the sense of Congress to provide robust CWSRF capitalization grants to States. The CWSRF is critical to helping address the nation's \$271 billion clean water infrastructure investment need over the next 20 years.

NACWA also strongly supports your bill's reauthorization of the CWA's Section 201 Sewer Overflow Control Grants at \$1.8 billion through Fiscal Year 2021. This grant program is designed to help municipalities pay for the significant costs associated with replacing or upgrading aging sewer systems to reduce wet weather overflows. The program will also help municipalities address growing stormwater management obligations and invest in innovative approaches, such as green infrastructure and water reuse. Sewer overflow projects are often a driving factor when local water rates increase above the rate of inflation, and are often required in older industrial areas where, unfortunately, both aging infrastructure and economic hardship are prevalent—underscoring the importance of this program to advancing clean water in a way that communities can afford.

NACWA strongly supports this legislation and thanks you for your leadership working to advance clean water across the country.

Sincerely,



Adam Krantz
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