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The Honorable Neil Abercrombie  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1502 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

**Re: AGC Key Vote- Support the Water Quality Investment Act of 2009, H.R. 1262**

Dear Representative Abercrombie:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), I am writing to urge you to support H.R. 1262, the Water Quality Investment Act of 2009. H.R. 1262 would provide \$18.7 billion over five years for wastewater infrastructure and other water quality improvements.

Often out-of-sight and out-of-mind, our nation's wastewater infrastructure is aging and in need of repair. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that the nation must invest \$390 billion over the next 20 years to repair or replace existing systems to comply with water quality standards and to build new ones to meet increasing demand for wastewater treatment. While significant progress has been made in cleaning up our lakes, rivers, and streams since the Clean Water Act was enacted in 1972, aging systems continue to discharge billions of gallons of untreated wastewater into U.S. surface waters each year.

H.R. 1262 would provide investments in two important water quality programs. First, the bill would reauthorize the highly successful, but undercapitalized, Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) program at a level of \$13.8 billion over the next five years. These funds provide low-interest loans and additional loan subsidizations to communities for wastewater infrastructure. Second, the bill would provide \$1.8 billion over five years for the sewer overflow control grants program. This program provides grants to communities to control combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), which are overflows of untreated waste that can occur during wet weather events.

In addition to the important water quality gains, passage of H.R. 1262 would build upon the investments Congress is making in water infrastructure in the recently-enacted economic stimulus bill and help put construction contractors and their employees back to work. Again, AGC strongly urges your support of H.R. 1262 when it comes up for a vote this week on the floor. AGC will consider this key vote on our legislative scorecard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey D. Shoaf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jeffrey D. Shoaf  
Senior Executive Director  
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