



March 9, 2009

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Boehner
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support the “*Water Quality Investment Act of 2009*” – H.R 1262

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader Boehner,

As America’s leading construction, engineering, conservation, labor, municipal, and manufacturing organizations, the members of the Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) strongly urge all Members of the United States House of Representatives to support “The Water Quality Investment Act of 2009.” This bipartisan legislation will make long overdue investments in our nation’s water infrastructure and create approximately 647,500 jobs over the next five years.

It is estimated that each \$1 billion spent on wastewater infrastructure will create about 35,000 jobs improving and upgrading our nation’s critical water infrastructure. Thus, an \$18.5 billion investment in water infrastructure would create approximately 647,500 jobs. H.R 1262 makes eminent economic and environmental sense for America.

This timely investment would help address the \$300-500 billion water infrastructure funding gap reported by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the WIN, while creating good jobs in communities across America. These jobs cannot be exported, and will employ workers with a broad range of skills, including architects, engineers and construction workers.

We firmly believe that the water infrastructure needs of our nation and the importance of this infrastructure to our economy, public health and the environment far outweigh the issue of how “Davis-Bacon” coverage is applied to these critical infrastructure dollars. Legislative language providing full “Davis-Bacon” coverage for construction carried out with funding authorized in H.R. 1262 should not be an impediment to the passage of this legislation. Our organizations support the “Water Quality Investment Act of 2009” with “Davis Bacon” language as a component and we strongly urge your support.

Sincerely,

The Members of the Water Infrastructure Network
(WIN Membership Listed Attached)

cc: Members of the United States House of Representatives

Members of the Water Infrastructure Network -WIN

- **National Association of Clean Water Agencies**
- **Associated General Contractors of America**
- **American Society of Civil Engineers**
- **American Public Works Association**
- **American Council of Engineering Companies**
- **American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association**
- **International Union of Operating Engineers**
- **International Union of Bricklayers**
- **Laborers International of North America**
- **United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices in the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry**
- **Water Environment Federation**
- **Western Coalition of Arid States**
- **Food and Water Watch**
- **Clean Water Action**
- **Chesapeake Bay Foundation**
- **Natural Resources Defense Council**
- **Healing Our Waters - Great Lakes Coalition**
- **Riverkeeper**
- **Trout Unlimited**
- **American Sportfishing Association**
- **Rural Community Assistance Partnership**
- **Association of California Water Agencies**
- **Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership**
- **United Brotherhood of Carpenters**
- **Design Build Institute of America**
- **California Rebuild America Coalition**
- **Associated Equipment Distributors**
- **Association of Equipment Manufacturers**
- **National Construction Alliance**
- **Clean Water Construction Coalition**
- **Construction Management Association of America**
- **Association of Equipment Manufacturers**
- **American Supply Association**
- **Vinyl Institute**
- **Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association**
- **Pipe Rehabilitation Council**
- **Portland Cement Association**
- **National Ready Mix Concrete Association**
- **Vermeer Corp.**
- **California Association of Sanitation Agencies**
- **National Association of Towns and Townships**
- **National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies**
- **North American Power Sweeping Association**
- **National Society of Professional Engineers**
- **Environmental and Energy Study Institute**
- **Underground Contractors Association of Illinois**