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January 16, 2001

The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman  
Office of the Governor of New Jersey  
P.O. Box 001  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Whitman:

On behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA), I would like to congratulate you on your nomination to become the next Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). AMSA represents the interests of over 250 of the country's publicly-owned wastewater treatment agencies, which collectively serve the majority of the sewered population in the United States. Our members treat and reclaim more than 18 billion gallons of wastewater each day. AMSA member agencies play a major role in their local communities, often leading watershed management efforts, promoting industrial/household pollution prevention and water conservation, and developing urban stormwater management programs. We are proud to have 16 members representing New Jersey who serve over half of the State's sewered population.

Since its conception over 30 years ago, AMSA has worked closely with the EPA in the development of environmental regulatory programs. AMSA representatives have assisted the Agency in the negotiation of major Clean Water Act rules and policies since the enactment of the Act 29 years ago. AMSA and EPA have carried out numerous joint projects to improve environmental programs, including workshops, coalitions and publications. We plan to continue to build on our cooperative efforts with EPA in the future.

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To better acquaint you with AMSA's issues and priorities, we will soon be sending you a summary of recommendation for EPA with regard to ongoing and future regulatory initiatives. We look forward to collaborating with EPA under your direction and working with you and your staff. We will contact your scheduler upon your arrival in Washington, DC to set up a meeting to get acquainted. Until then, if you would like additional information on AMSA, please contact Ken Kirk, Executive Director of AMSA at 202/833-4653. Again, congratulations on your appointment and best wishes for a successful tenure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William L. Pugh".

William L. Pugh  
AMSA President  
Public Works Director  
City of Tacoma Public Works Department