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Mr. Jim Connaughton
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Dear Mr. Connaughton:

On behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA), I would like to congratulate you on your nomination to become Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality. 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.

Since its conception over 30 years ago, AMSA has worked closely with the Environmental Protection Agency, Congress, and the Executive Branch to develop and implement key environmental programs. To better acquaint you with AMSA's issues and priorities, enclosed is a summary of AMSA's priority issues for the new Administration. We look forward to having an opportunity to discuss these issues with you in your new capacity.

I also would like to take this opportunity to invite you to AMSA's *2001 National Environmental Policy Forum & 31st Annual Meeting* May 19 - 23, 2001 at the Marriott at Metro Center in Washington, DC. The conference, entitled *The New Political Landscape . . . Moving the POTW Agenda Forward*, will focus on several important wastewater treatment issues, including infrastructure funding, wet weather issues and total maximum daily loads. We invite you to join us and to meet our members as we address important clean water issues.

Again, we look forward to meeting with you in the near future and hope to see you at the *May Policy Forum*. If you have any questions or would like additional information on AMSA, please contact me at 202/833-4653. Congratulations on your appointment and best wishes for a successful tenure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Kirk". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Ken Kirk
Executive Director

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