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The Honorable John J. Duncan, Jr.
Chair, Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
B-376 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Clean Water Trust Act of 2005

Dear Chairman Duncan:

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) again thanks you for introducing *The Clean Water Trust Act of 2005* (H.R. 4560) and expresses the Association's full support for this landmark legislation.

A February 10 joint letter from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), American Rivers, Clean Water Action, the Coalition for Alternative Waste Management, and Food and Water Watch expressed overall support for a clean water trust fund and applauded your introduction of H.R. 4560. The letter also requested that, as H.R. 4560 moves forward, several changes be made to the bill reflecting the joint concerns of these groups. These groups have informed NACWA that making their recommended changes will ensure their active support on behalf of *The Clean Water Trust Act of 2005*.

NACWA supports making the changes set forth in the February 10 letter. As stated, all of the changes would be consistent with the consensus legislation developed by a broad group of diverse stakeholders, which included NACWA, NRDC and American Rivers. As you know, this consensus legislation formed the basis for many of the programs included in H.R. 4560. Furthermore, the requested changes have broad stakeholder support and NACWA believes that the support of the above environmental groups will enhance bipartisan support for H.R. 4560.

NACWA looks forward to working with you and your staff to ensure the broadest possible support for H.R. 4560 and its passage into law.

Sincerely,



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