

Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds Sustain Oklahoma's Water Infrastructure

\$280.6 million – The value of tax-exempt municipal bonds communities across Oklahoma issued in 2016 to fund improvements to drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

\$119.2 million – Additional debt service costs cities and towns in Oklahoma would incur over their payback periods if interest earned on these bonds was fully taxable, **a 25 percent increase.***

\$24.2 million – Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund assistance the federal government provided to Oklahoma in 2016. Fully taxing municipal bond interest would cost the state **nearly 5 times** the value of this year's SRF assistance.

Affordable investment in Oklahoma's water infrastructure should not be a consequence of tax reform.

AMWA and NACWA urge you to preserve tax-exempt municipal bonds.



*Based on Bloomberg data assuming uniform \$50 million projects with 30-year loan maturities and "AA" credit ratings.