

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Adam Krantz Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Clean Water Agencies 1130 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 1050 Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Krantz:

Thank you for your letter on February 24, 2022, to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency expressing concern regarding the EPA's Fiscal Year 2023 President's Budget request to Congress for various clean and safe water programs.

Although the agency is unable to comment on the budget request until it is submitted to Congress and publicly released, we will take your request under consideration. The EPA believes that clean and safe water are vital to ensuring the safety of our communities. The agency will request appropriate funding to support the ongoing success of clean and safe water programs, such as the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program and various geographical programs. Additionally the recently enacted Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provided the EPA with appropriations for public wastewater, drinking water, and stormwater utility investments to improve infrastructure, address emerging contaminants, replace lead service lines, protect regional waters, and address the needs of underserved communities. We believe these investments, coupled with the FY 2023 President's Budget request, will improve our nation's water infrastructure, address the needs of underserved communities, and help to ensure that every American has clean and safe water to drink at home, at work, and at school.

The agency effectively serves the taxpayers and protects the environment by focusing on greater value and real results for all communities. The EPA is partnering with the states to ensure a thoughtful approach is used to maximize every investment to protect our air, land, and water. We understand that a key component of protecting public health and the environment is ensuring the existence of clean and safe water for the entire nation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Ed Walsh in my office at <u>Walsh.Ed@epa.gov</u> or (202) 564-4594, if you have further questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss the FY 2023 President's Budget request for clean and safe water programs.

Sincerely,

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