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The Honorable Bill Pascrell, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pascrell:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region, believes H.R. 1802, the "Sustainable Water Infrastructure Investment Act," is an important step to enhance the ability of local governments to finance water and wastewater infrastructure projects and create jobs by encouraging private investment.

Private investment in infrastructure frees government dollars for allocation to other troubled areas of the economy and transfers risk away from the public partner to the private entity. Recent studies indicate that every \$1 billion invested in water infrastructure generates up to \$3.46 billion of total national output, \$82.4 million in state and local tax revenue, and supports 28,500 jobs.

Few businesses can survive without sustainable water and wastewater infrastructure. Now more than ever, the United States needs significant capital investment in water infrastructure.

The Chamber applauds your introduction of this important legislation and looks forward to continuing to work with Congress and the Administration, and interested stakeholders on this important issue.

Sincerely,



R. Bruce Josten

cc: The Members of the United States House of Representatives