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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

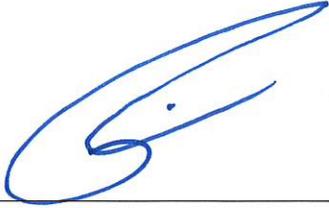
We write concerning the antiquated formula determining the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) allotment to states. The allotment was established in the 1987 Water Quality Act and has not been modernized to reflect population size, water infrastructure needs, non-federal participation in CWSF, or other factors. The inadequacy of the allotment, as illustrated in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2016 report to Congress, *Review of the Allotment of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Report)*, restricts states like Florida from addressing serious water quality needs. We seek your cooperation to modernize the allotment in any legislation that amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

EPA's *Report* fails to identify factors constituting the current allotment and finds that most states do not receive annual funding in proportion to water infrastructure needs or population. Florida receives the 3rd lowest allocation per capita, has significant water quality demands, and welcomes 1,000 new residents every day. Florida epitomizes the inadequacy of the allotment; however, many states have seen significant demographic changes since 1987 and stand to benefit from modernizing the allotment. The *Report* states that needs as identified by the *Clean Watersheds Needs Survey 2012 (Needs Survey)* and population are the primary factors that should be considered in determining the allotment. The most recent *Needs Survey* estimated \$271 billion in capital investment necessary to maintain water quality across the country. Florida's infrastructure demands were among the highest in the nation, totaling between \$25 billion and \$10 billion, placing Florida as one of the highest needs per capita states.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. As we review the options in the *Report* for updating the allotment, we seek your cooperation before H.R. 1497, the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019, or the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 are considered on the House floor. We look forward to working with your office to make the CWSRF as effective as possible at addressing clean water needs for all states. Thank you for your consideration.


Michael Waltz
Member of Congress


Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress



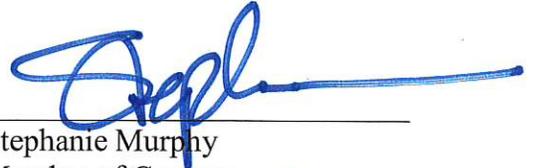
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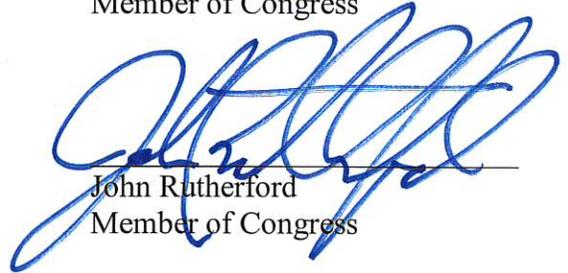
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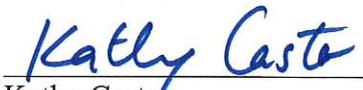
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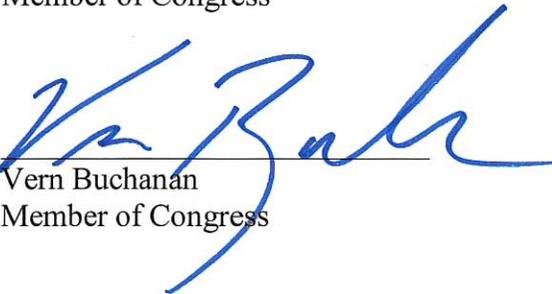
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