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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
2262 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative DeLauro,

I am writing on behalf of the National Association of Water Companies to express our support for the National Infrastructure Development Act of 2007 (NIDA).

We appreciated receiving your letter of January 18, 2008 seeking our support, and have been carefully reviewing the bill, and discussing it with our members. As per conversations with your staff our support of the bill is based on our understanding that at the right time NIDA can be clarified to make sure that water and wastewater collection and distribution systems -- and not just the facilities that treat water and wastewater -- would be eligible for project funding.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Based on EPA estimates, our nation needs to invest \$390 billion in water and wastewater infrastructure over the next 20 years. Congress must enact bold and innovative measures, like the National Infrastructure Development Act, to meet this need and ensure that Americans continue to have access to reliable and affordable water and wastewater service. I commend your foresight to look beyond traditional ways of thinking about infrastructure funding.

We at NAWC look forward to working with you and your staff on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Peter Cook, Executive Director  
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