



January 9, 2025

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Capito,

On behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, congratulations on your selection by your colleagues as the Chair of the Environment and Public Works Committee for the 119th Congress. As an organization representing the nation’s largest publicly owned drinking water systems, whose members serve more than 160 million Americans in West Virginia and across the United States, we are eager to work with you this year on several important priorities.

AMWA has been fortunate to have a long and productive working relationship with you and your staff. In the 116th Congress you were the lead cosponsor of the Clean Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act, an AMWA-supported bill to increase assistance to water systems addressing extreme weather and cybersecurity threats. A version of this legislation was incorporated into the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act (DWWIA) and was later enacted as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. However, this program, as well as various other DWWIA programs, will expire after the 2026 fiscal year, so AMWA is eager to work with the Committee to begin drafting this legislation this year.

AMWA also greatly appreciates your vocal support for the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act, legislation introduced last year to shield water system ratepayers from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) for the cleanup of PFAS that are disposed of after their removal from drinking water sources. This legislation is essential to holding polluters accountable and providing affordable water service to communities that will already be struggling to comply with EPA’s new drinking water standards for PFAS. Under your leadership, the Environment and Public Works Committee has an excellent opportunity to advance this legislation to the Senate floor this year, so AMWA stands ready to assist in this effort however possible.

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As you can see, we have a busy year ahead of us. To make progress on these shared priorities, AMWA will continue to be a resource for you and your staff. Please do not hesitate to call on us whenever you need assistance or perspectives on pending legislative proposals, expert hearing witnesses, or anything in between. AMWA looks forward to continuing its productive working relationship with you and the Environment and Public Works Committee as a whole.

Congratulations again on your selection as Environment and Public Works Committee Chair, and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Dobbins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Tom Dobbins
Chief Executive Officer