



January 9, 2025

The Honorable Morgan Griffith
Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Griffith,

On behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, congratulations on your selection by your colleagues as the Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee’s Environment Subcommittee 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 Virginia and across the United States, we are eager to work with you this year on a number of important priorities.

AMWA has a long track record of working productively with the Environment Subcommittee, which as an important role in conducting oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency and its implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Together, AMWA and the Subcommittee collaborated on the 1996 SDWA Amendments, which established the transparent, science-based process for evaluating and regulating drinking water contaminants that EPA still must follow today. More recently, AMWA has worked with the Subcommittee to reauthorize critical drinking water infrastructure investment programs that promote economic vitality and public health across the nation.

AMWA is eager to continue working with the Subcommittee in the 119th Congress as well. Our list of priorities is long from protecting water ratepayers from unjustified penalties under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) to improving the cybersecurity posture of the nation’s water systems, there are many opportunities to improve our water systems. Additionally, several critical water infrastructure programs authorized in the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act must be renewed before their expiration after the 2026 fiscal year, so AMWA looks forward to working with the Subcommittee on this priority as well.

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As you can see, we have a busy year ahead of us. To make progress on these shared priorities, AMWA strives 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 the Environment Subcommittee under your leadership.

Congratulations again on your selection as Environment Subcommittee Chairman, 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