



January 9, 2025

The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Guthrie,

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 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 Kentucky 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 Energy and Commerce Committee, which has 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 Committee 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 Committee 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 Committee in the 119th Congress as well. Our list of critical priorities is long: from protecting water ratepayers from unjustified penalties under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), to ensuring water system sustainability by providing mechanisms for all customers to pay their water bills, to improving the cybersecurity posture of the nation’s 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 Committee 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 Energy and Commerce Committee under your leadership.

Congratulations again on your selection as Energy and Commerce Committee 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