



January 13, 2025

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

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Capito and Ranking Member Whitehouse,

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) is pleased to express its support for the nomination of Lee Zeldin to serve as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

AMWA is an organization of the nation’s largest publicly owned drinking water systems, whose members provide clean and safe drinking water to more than 160 million Americans from coast to coast. The association’s members are tasked with the responsibility of complying with EPA mandates and regulations, primarily through the Safe Drinking Water Act, so it is essential that the agency be led by an individual who demonstrates a commitment to properly implementing the law, and who understands the complexity of providing drinking water service. We believe that Mr. Zeldin possesses these qualities.

As a member of the House of Representatives from 2015 until 2023 Mr. Zeldin represented the First Congressional District of New York, which includes much of Suffolk County. In this capacity Mr. Zeldin fought tirelessly for the Suffolk County Water Authority, including by helping the water system obtain \$12 million in federal funding assistance to extend service connections to homes whose private water wells had been contaminated by PFAS. Mr. Zeldin’s efforts will improve public health protections for local residents and strengthen the water infrastructure of the community.

During his time in Congress Mr. Zeldin also took an active interest in issues affecting the water sector. He supported various legislative proposals to facilitate water infrastructure investment, require action to address PFAS, promote environmental conservation, and expand water resources protections, particularly in the Long Island Sound. This track record gives him an excellent foundation upon which to build a legacy as EPA’s next administrator.

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The nation, EPA, and public water systems must work together over the next several years to face a range of challenges, from rebuilding aging infrastructure to addressing emerging contaminants to strengthening defenses against extreme weather threats. AMWA strongly believes that Lee Zeldin is the right person to lead EPA during this consequential time, and we look forward to working with him to promote policies that will ensure the United States continues to have the safest and most accessible drinking water in the world.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on the nomination of Mr. Zeldin to be administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. AMWA urges the Environment and Public Works Committee to favorably report his nomination to the full Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Dobbins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Dobbins  
Chief Executive Officer