



June 11, 2024

The Honorable Lisa McClain
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mary Peltola
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman McClain and Congresswoman Peltola:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for your leadership on the *Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution Prevention and Environmental Safety (WIPPES) Act* (H.R.2964). We are ecstatic that the legislation passed the House on a bipartisan basis and look forward to seeing it advance in the Senate.

The WIPPES Act takes a straightforward and reasonable approach to addressing a preventable pollution problem stemming from the improper disposal of non-flushable wipes in the nation’s wastewater systems. Due to the lack of consistent and clear disposal packaging instructions, consumers often unwittingly flush these wipes down the toilet. At a national-level, wet wipes are responsible for \$441 million a year in additional operating costs at U.S. clean water utilities.¹ House passage of the legislation takes a critical step forward towards advancing this commonsense source control solution endorsed by our organizations. We believe the WIPPES Act fulfills our shared interest to protect public infrastructure and the environment by promoting responsible disposal habits.

¹ NACWA. 2020. The Cost of Wipes On America’s Clean Water Utilities: An Estimate of Increased Utility Operating Costs. https://www.nacwa.org/docs/default-source/resources---public/govaff-3-cost_of_wipes-1.pdf?sfvrsn=b535fe61_2#

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Thank you again for your leadership of H.R. 2964 and your continued efforts to advance bipartisan policy solutions to the unique problems related to the flushing of non-flushable wipes.

Sincerely,

American Public Works Association
American Society of Civil Engineers
Association of Nonwoven Fabrics Industry
Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group
California Association of Sanitation Agencies
Consumer Healthcare Products Association
Kimberly-Clark
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
National Rural Water Association
National Stewardship Action Council
Procter & Gamble
Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts
Water Environment Federation
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