



July 12, 2017

The Honorable Greg Walden  
2185 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Shimkus  
2217 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.  
237 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Paul Tonko  
2463 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Walden, Chairman Shimkus, Ranking Member Pallone, and Ranking Member Tonko,

On behalf of the Municipal Castings Association (MCA) and its member companies, thank you for your leadership on the *Drinking Water System Improvement Act* (DWSIA) and, in particular, for your efforts to address the nation's drinking water infrastructure needs through continuation of the commonsense "American Iron and Steel" procurement preference for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).

The MCA's member companies and their workers across the country strongly support this "Buy America" policy, and are pleased to see it included in the DWSIA, which we understand will be considered imminently by the Environment and the Economy Subcommittee. The policy has been applied for many years vis-à-vis the annual appropriations to the EPA's DWSRF and the same policy is codified and permanently applied to the CWSRF and WIFIA program. This "American Iron and Steel" procurement preference is broadly supported by a bipartisan majority of the U.S. Congress and simply aligns the Government's public policy with its procurement policy.

Common sense – and overwhelming public support – demand that when Congress spends taxpayer dollars, it does so in a manner that supports those American companies that manufacture their products in the United States and employ American workers. This is particularly important in the case of EPA-administered programs like the State Revolving Funds. American companies, which are heavily regulated by the EPA and have invested significantly to modernize their U.S. operations to meet federal environmental and worker safety regulations, deserve a commonsense preference for their efforts.

The plain fact of the matter is that Americans taxpayers still produce the materials needed for our nation's drinking water infrastructure. There is a ready supply of the iron and steel products that comprise the backbone of our waterworks infrastructure made right here in America by U.S. workers in manners that comply with U.S. laws and regulations. Taxpayer-

July 12, 2017

Page 2

financed government spending should give a preference to the businesses that continue to manufacture in the United States, invest in their U.S. operations and safely employ our workers. This is sensible policy and its permanent application to EPA's DWSRF is long overdue.

The MCA is a trade association comprised of U.S. manufacturers of iron and steel castings used in water infrastructure projects across the United States. Its member companies, listed below, thank you for your efforts to improve this nation's water infrastructure and, specifically, for your inclusion of a permanent Buy America provision for DWSRF aid and financing for iron and steel waterworks infrastructure. Federal investments in our nation's safe and clean water are desperately needed and, if properly subject to a domestic preference for iron and steel products produced in the United States, will do much to stimulate our economy and workforce.

Sincerely,



PAUL C. ROSENTHAL

Counsel to the Municipal Castings Association

McWane Inc.  
Birmingham, AL

Neenah Foundry Company  
Neenah, WI

East Jordan Iron Works, Inc.  
East Jordan, MI and Ardmore, OK

Deeter Foundry Incorporated  
Lincoln, NE

U.S. Foundry & Eagle Manufacturing Group  
Medley, FL

EBAA Iron, Inc.  
Eastland, TX

Charlotte Pipe & Foundry Company  
Charlotte, NC

D&L Foundry Inc.  
Moses Lake, WA

Spring City Electrical Manufacturing  
Spring City, PA