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The Honorable Bob Gibbs
Chairman, House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water
Resources and Environment
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC

Dear Chairman Gibbs and Members of the House:

On behalf of The U.S. Conference of Mayors, I want to express our full endorsement for your bill and hope that other members of Congress will join your efforts to codify EPA's Integrated Planning and Financial Capability initiatives.

Local governments are at a crossroads. We spend over \$117 billion per year (\$320 million/day) to provide public water and wastewater services. However, this is not enough for the estimated costs to maintain and replace our aging infrastructure and meet the numerous federal unfunded mandates that face municipalities.

Your bill would allow local governments, who all have low and moderate income households spending financially burdensome amounts on water and wastewater bills, to work with their state and EPA to implement comprehensive plans that sequence the requirements for major investments with priority given for those with the greatest health and environmental benefits.

Your bill would codify what EPA has sent forth in various memorandums and assure that it is a viable tool for local governments in the future. It is imperative that we spend our citizen's limited money resourcefully.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue and we hope again that you are joined by your colleagues for this much needed effort. If you have any questions or if we can be of further help, please contact Judy Sheahan of my staff at 202-861-6775 (jsheahan@usmayors.org).

Sincerely,

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