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The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and
Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and
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410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

The Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers of America (WWEMA) thanks the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) for its efforts in seeking bipartisan legislation to improve the mitigation and remediation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) contamination.

The Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association (WWEMA) is a Washington DC-based non-profit trade association representing water and wastewater technology and service providers since 1908. We advocate, inform, and connect our members with key policy and decision-makers and help our members increase their competitiveness and profitability in the U.S. and abroad. Our members supply the most sophisticated leading-edge technologies and services, offering solutions to every water-related environmental problem and need facing today's society. WWEMA is made up of many of the most prominent and influential companies in the industry who are working together to shape the future of water and wastewater technology in the U.S. and around the world.

WWEMA recognizes the importance of addressing threats from chemicals to public health and the environment and supports efforts to address PFAS at the federal level. Our members fulfill the technology needs for the delivery of public health services consistent with the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Clean Air Act, among other federal and state mandates. We are concerned with efforts which may inadvertently impose Comprehensive Emergency Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) clean-up and natural resources damages liability on our members. While there is a priority on cleaning up sites contaminated with PFAS, hazardous substance designation under CERCLA would bring with it a host of unintended consequences for public agencies and their technology manufacturers and service providers who are charged with providing drinking water and clean water services.

