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Donald Benton  
President-Elect Trump Transition Team  
US Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Mr. Benton:

As you and the Trump Transition Team begin working at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the members of the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA), we write to you today to share with you a set of priorities for state water quality programs.

Founded in 1961, the ACWA is the independent, nonpartisan, national organization of state, interstate, and territorial water program managers, who on a daily basis implement the water quality programs of the federal Clean Water Act ("CWA"). States are responsible, under the federal CWA and under a state's own laws and regulations, to advance the attainment of clean and healthy waters and to prevent violations of the water quality standards designed to support these goals.

As the Trump team assumes office, ACWA urges you to consider a number of critical issues, including the importance of cooperative federalism and robust federal funding for state water quality programs to ensure that EPA and the state water quality programs continue to make progress on improving the nation's water quality. We look forward to working with you and your team. Should you desire additional information, please contact ACWA's Executive Director Julia Anastasio ([janastasio@acwa-us.org](mailto:janastasio@acwa-us.org)/ 202-756-0600).

Sincerely,

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