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July 15, 2019

The Honorable John Garamendi
United States House of Representatives
2368 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Representative Garamendi:

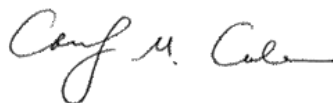
The League of California Cities is pleased to support **H.R. 1764**, which would modernize National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit terms under the Clean Water Act (the Act). We applaud your leadership in introducing the bill to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or a delegated state with the discretionary authority to consider providing a permit term of up to ten years to reward those public agencies that have demonstrated compliance with existing permit conditions.

Under current law, the maximum NPDES permit term is five years. This simply does not align with today's water infrastructure complexities that involve substantial capital investment over an extended period of time, extensive environmental reviews, project design, scheduling and labor and construction agreements. By extending the maximum term to ten years, public agencies will be able to more effectively plan and construct clean water systems.

We look forward to continuing our work together to support local water infrastructure projects and urge Congress to pass this legislation.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or the League's Washington advocate, Leslie Pollner (leslie.pollner@hklaw.com) at 202-469-5149.

Sincerely,



Carolyn M. Coleman
Executive Director