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U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Representative Kay Granger
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 2051

Dear Chairman Shelby, Chairwoman Lowey, Ranking Member Leahy and Ranking Member Granger:

As business owners who depend on clean water, we urge you to increase water infrastructure funding this year by \$11 billion, so that we can prevent pollution and make all of America's waterways safe and clean.

We rely on clean water for our livelihoods and enjoyment. Our companies serve customers who enjoy swimming, fishing, paddling, good beer, and the many other products and services that depend on access to clean water. Healthy waterways and beaches draw many of our customers to our cities and businesses, and are vital for the safety, well-being and success of our communities, businesses, economy and nation.

All too often, water pollution closes our beaches or puts swimmers' health at risk. In fact, scientists estimate that swimming in polluted waterways causes 57 million instances of people getting sick each year in the U.S. And when people do not feel safe swimming in the water, our businesses and communities suffer. An Outdoor Industry Association report shows that consumers spend over \$175 billion on water activities every year, and this does not include spending at nearby hotels, restaurants and so forth.

Keeping our rivers, lakes, and streams clean is also the best way to ensure clean water from the tap, which is critical for many businesses to produce top notch products - from coffee to semiconductors to beer.

Two key sources of pollution in America's waterways are sewage overflows and stormwater runoff. In 2014, combined sewer overflows discharged 22 billion gallons of untreated sewage and stormwater to the Great Lakes alone. Absent dramatic action by Congress, all this pollution is going to get even worse very soon, as climate change brings more extreme precipitation and heavier flows of stormwater.

In July, the House of Representatives approved an additional \$11 billion for water infrastructure (beyond U.S. EPA's regular budget), as part of a broader appropriations bill. Some of this funding will also help secure safe drinking water for our communities. This figure seems large until compared to the \$271 billion that EPA estimates it will take just to repair and maintain our wastewater infrastructure over the next 20 years.

Nearly 50 years ago, our nation adopted the Clean Water Act with a goal of making all our waterways safe for swimming. It's high time we committed the resources to make this vision a reality. Please work to ensure that the Senate approves the \$11 billion in additional water infrastructure funding in this year's budget. The health of swimmers, businesses, and whole communities may well depend on it.

Sincerely,

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A-T Ranch, LLC	Distance Learning Consulting
Adventure Kayaking Tours	Dr. Yolanda Whyte Pediatrics
Aslan Brewing Company	Duneland Home & Pro Hardware
Back Country Excursions, LLC	Earthbound Beer
Big Grove Brewery	East Coast Resources, LLC
Big Lots	Eastman Dryden Blessman Organization
Bio-Gist Ventures	EC Sales Co
Bioalgene	Economic Democracy Advocates
Braided River Brewing Company	EcoPlum
Breakwater Kayak Company, LLC	ECOS
BrewDog Brewing Company, LLC	Eighty2degrees, LLC
Brooklyn Grange	EinhornStan
Bull City Burger and Brewery, LLC	Engrained Brewery & Restaurant
Button Button Real Estate	Evergreen Sustainability, LLC
C. Wolfe Software Engineering	Fibonacci Brewing Company
Carmel Building and Design	Financial Alternatives
Cascade Capital Corporation	Florida Scenic Tours, LLC
Castine Kayak Adventures	Flying Fish Brewing Company
Cleaver Co. Catering and Events	Free Bird Farms
Center for Community Based Enterprise	Full Spectrum Wellness
Centered Wealth	Gasparilla Enterprises, LLC
Cerulean, LLC	Good Folk Gallery
Chosen Futures	GreenSpark Energy Solution
Chrysalis Farm	GreenTreks Network
Citizen Group	Greenvest/Vanderbilt Financial Group
LCL Consulting, LLC	Half Acre Beer Company
Clean Energy Design Group, Inc.	Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa
Clear Blue Commercial, Inc.	HarborWest Design
Coherence Collaborative	Harrington Investments
Collectivity	Harvest Solar MT
Comeback Farm Organic Produce	Heritage Timber
Common Interests, LLC	High Plains Architects
Cove Street Arts and Greenhut Galleries	HigherRing
CultureHouse	HJKessler Associates Inc
Cumberland Recycling, LLC	Hugo Neu
Dan Bailey's Outdoor Company	Impact Bioenergy

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JP Catamaran
JustLaws
Kantor Law, PLLC
Laurie Allan & Associates LLC
Legacy Vacation Resorts
Living Harmony, LLC
Longfellow Health Clubs
Marin Sunshine Realty
Matt Sheridan Dog Walking
Minimal Impact Living (MinImLi)
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Meaningful Organizational Design (MōD)
Moldestad Industrial LLC
Molson Coors
Murrells Inlet Seafood
Namu Baru Inc
Naturally Playful Toys, LLC
Nature's Path Foods
Net Impact
Neue Fund LLC
New Leaf World Markets
New Jersey Sustainable Business Council
Oasis Montana, Inc
Ohio Sustainable Business Council
Open Water
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