



United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the
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The Honorable Tim Bishop
U.S. Congress
306 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Bishop:

On behalf of the 340,000 highly-skilled and trained construction workers, and their families, the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada (UA), strongly supports the *Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2013*. Not only will this legislation create quality jobs, at a time when the construction industry is suffering at double the national unemployment level, but it would financially assist local waterways and public works projects, whose sole mission is to preserve and protect the community's health and well-being.

For too long the voices of the middle-class have called for members of Congress to stop playing politics and start leading this country out of the Great Recession. I am proud to say, this does just that--collaborates on one united front: to create jobs.

With the Alliance for American Manufacturing citing water infrastructure as one of the most effective and underutilized job creation vehicles, estimating 20,000 jobs for every one billion spent, this legislation has the potential to retain, and create 276,000 quality jobs. Our members will be put to work repairing and improving our nation's ailing water infrastructure system, where 700 main breaks are reported in the U.S. daily—and that is mostly due to old age. Safe and clean water is essential to our public health; therefore, we must work towards protecting and building upon our advancements in community wellness.

To conclude, the UA thanks you for standing up for the American worker. We greatly appreciate your leadership and dedication to improve the livelihood of working families, in New York and across the country. We look forward to working with you, and your staff, in an effort to advance this legislation and create jobs for the middle class.

Sincerely yours,

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