



March 1, 2013

The Honorable Nick J. Rahall II
Ranking Member,
House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Rahall:

On behalf of the Municipal Castings Association (MCA) and its member companies, we write to commend your leadership on the reintroduction of the *Invest in American Jobs Act*. Among other provisions, this very important legislation will bring the nation's principal federal-aid wastewater infrastructure program in line with other federal-aid programs for infrastructure by granting U.S.-produced iron products a preference in treatment works projects financed by or funded with federal tax dollars.

Put simply, domestic preferences in government spending, such as those proposed in the *Invest in American Jobs Act*, create jobs. Domestic content requirements maximize the economic stimulus of government spending and work to create jobs here at home rather than abroad. Indeed, studies –such as a 2009 report from the Alliance for American Manufacturing– confirm that manufacturing employment gains increase by 33 percent when domestic content provisions are applied to taxpayer-financed infrastructure spending. The plain fact of the matter is that Americans taxpayers still produce the materials needed for our nation's water infrastructure. There is a ready supply of domestic materials made right here in America by U.S. workers in manners that comply with U.S. laws and regulations. The preferences included in the *Invest in American Jobs Act* are not only commonsense, they are long overdue.

The MCA is a trade association comprised of U.S. manufacturers of iron and steel castings used in water and wastewater infrastructure projects across the United States. The Association's member companies manufacture a significant portion of the castings used in the nation's water, wastewater and transportation infrastructure.

MCA and its member companies listed below urge Congress to pass the *Invest in American Jobs Act*. Invest in America's manufacturing base and ensure that U.S. taxpayers' dollars are used to create U.S. taxpayers' jobs.

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Sincerely,



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Charlotte, NC

EBAA Iron, Inc.
Eastland, TX

Spring City Electrical Manufacturing
Spring City, PA

D&L Foundry Inc.
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