



July 22, 2025

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito
Chair
Committee on Environment & Public Works
United States Senate
410 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment & Public Works
United States Senate
410 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: WASDA letter of support for Katherine Scarlett to serve as Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

Dear Chair Capito and Ranking Member Whitehouse,

On behalf of the Water and Sewer Distributors of America's 145 water and sewer companies across America engaged in the distribution, warehousing, and manufacturing of waterworks products and solutions, we write in support of President Donald J. Trump's nomination of Katherine Scarlett to serve as chair of the Council on Environmental (CEQ).

One of WASDA's top policy priorities is to modernize the cumbersome federal permitting system so that our membership can improve America's aging water infrastructure in a timely manner. There is bipartisan consensus that America's permitting system is broken, and there is a need for leadership to make improvements immediately.

Ms. Scarlett, who currently serves as acting chair of CEQ, has previously worked at CEQ and served as chief of staff to the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council during President Trump's first administration. She also served as senior professional staff on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Our organization particularly supports Ms. Scarlett's previous and ongoing efforts to bring commonsense and reform to overly burdensome and complex permitting policies that make it far too easy to block and delay the building of critical water and other utility-based infrastructure.

WASDA's leadership and member companies strongly urge Senators to vote to confirm Katherine Scarlett to serve as chair of the CEQ.

WASDA looks forward to working with Ms. Scarlett to create commonsense environmental regulations that both protect the environment and allow speedy construction of vital 21st Century drinking and wastewater projects.

Best Regards,

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Chair, WASDA Advocacy Committee

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