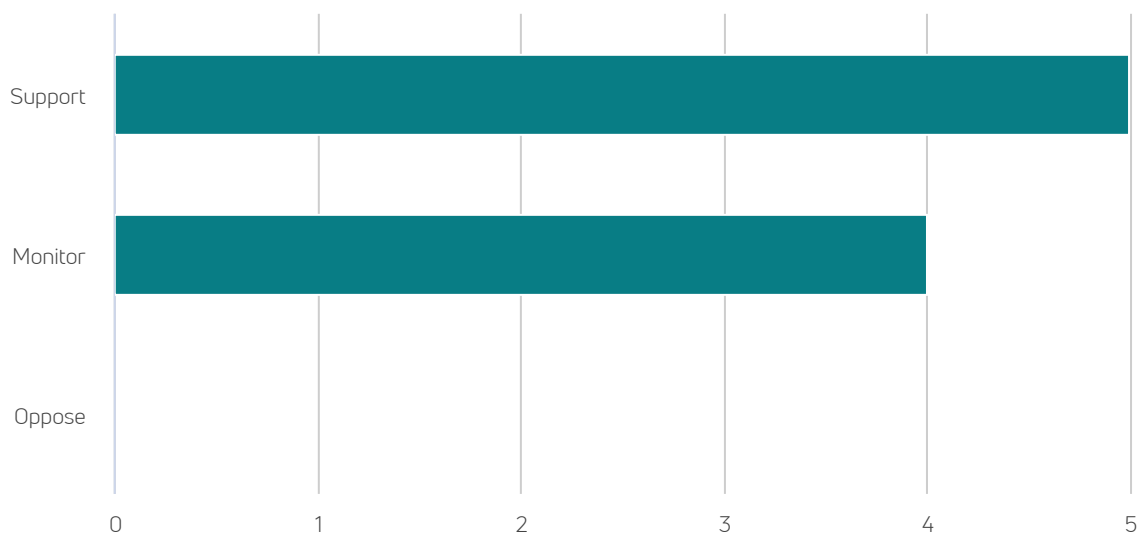


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Bill Id	<u>S 3956</u>
Location	United States
Title	WIPPES Act
Summary	Directs Federal Trade Commission to require manufacturers to print "Do Not Flush" labels on non-flushable wipes product packaging and mirrors labeling requirements that are law in California. It also directs U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to establish a grants program to assist states, utilities, non-profits, and public-private partnerships in education and outreach activities to educate ratepayers on the new label and proper disposal methods. The bill includes a preemption clause requiring states to enact identical labeling practices for covered products. Bill is the companion legislation to House bill H.R. 4602.
Status	Introduced
Last Action	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. March 30, 2022

Bill Id	<u>S 3957</u>
Location	United States
Title	STREAM Act
Summary	STREAM Act would renew expiring provisions of the WIIN Act. Of note it would provide \$750MM for water supply storage, \$300 MM for water recycling and \$250MM for desalination projects.
Status	Introduced
Last Action	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.. March 30, 2022

Bill Id	<u>HR 6591</u>
Location	United States
Title	PIPES Act
Summary	Codifies International Water Services Flushability Group's "(PAS)101: 2020 Criteria for Recognition as a Flushable Product" and require wipes manufacturers to demonstrate and certify with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) that their wipes product(s) comply with the criteria to be able to market the wipes as "flushable" and/or "sewer and septic safe."

Status	The PIPES Act is complementary to the WIPPES Act (HR 4602) that requires wipes manufacturers to label synthetic wet wipes as "Do Not Flush." Introduced.
Last Action	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. February 03, 2022
Priority	High
Position	Support

Bill Id	<u>HR 3684</u>
Location	United States
Title	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
Summary	Comprehensive infrastructure investment package that provides the biggest infusion of U.S. federal spending on infrastructure in decades, including \$55 billion for water infrastructure. The bill also includes a Western Water Infrastructure Title to address U.S. Bureau of Reclamation water infrastructure funding programs. Enacted into law on November 15, 2021. Became Public Law No: 117-58.
Status	Passed
Last Action	Became Public Law No: 117-58. November 15, 2021
Priority	High
Position	Monitor

Bill Id	<u>HR 4443</u>
Location	United States
Title	COMPOST Act
Summary	Creates a new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administered grant program for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments and for nonprofits, which would offer three types of grants: planning grants, measurement grants, and reduction grants. Program would be authorized at \$200 million for each of the fiscal years 2021-2031.
Status	Introduced
Last Action	Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. August 11, 2021
Position	Monitor

Bill Id	<u>HR 4602</u>
Location	United States

Title Summary	WIPPES Act Not later than 2 years after enactment, directs FTC, with consultation from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), to require manufacturers of single-use wet wipes print a "Do Not Flush" label notice on non-flushable wet wipes product packaging. FTC will develop guidance for manufacturers to conduct education and outreach campaigns on new labeling requirements and provide consumers with the following information: presence of the new label notice on product packaging, what products have the new label notice, intended effects of label notice on consumer behavior regarding the disposal of the products, and outreach may not promote, advocate, or depict wipes other than the wipes products defined by legislation.
Status	Introduced
Last Action	Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. July 22, 2021
Priority	High
Position	Support

Bill Id	HR 3622
Location	United States
Title	Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act of 2021
Summary	Require the U.S.Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards and water quality criteria for PFAS under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and authorize \$200 million in Federal grants to publicly owned treatment works to implement such guidelines and standards. Specifically, the Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act would do the following: Require USEPA to develop water quality criteria under the Clean Water Act for all measurable PFAS chemicals within two years of bill's enactment and develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards for all measurable PFAS chemicals within four years, including establishing pretreatment standards to prevent introduction of PFAS into POTW's and stopping PFAS at the source prior to contaminating municipal water systems. Identifies nine priority industry categories of industries that USEPA must establish standards for. Authorizes \$200 million in grants per year through fiscal years 2022-2026 to assist POTW's with implementation of developed limitations and standards.
Status	Introduced
Last Action	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. June 01, 2021
Priority	High

Position	Monitor
Bill Id	<u>S 1907</u>
Location	United States
Title	Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act of 2021
Summary	Companion bill to H.R. 3622. The bill would require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards and water quality criteria for PFAS under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and provide Federal grants to publicly owned treatment works to implement such guidelines and standards. Specifically, the Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act would do the following: Require USEPA to develop water quality criteria under the Clean Water Act for all measurable PFAS chemicals within two years of bill's enactment and develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards for all measurable PFAS chemicals within four years, including establishing pretreatment standards to prevent introduction of PFAS into POTW's and stopping PFAS at the source prior to contaminating municipal water systems. Identifies nine priority industry categories of industries that USEPA must establish standards for. • Authorizes \$200 million in grants per year through fiscal years 2022-2026 to assist POTWs with implementation of developed limitations and standards.
Status	Introduced
Last Action	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.. May 27, 2021
Priority	High
Position	Monitor

Bill Id	<u>HR 2238</u>
Location	United States
Title	Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2021
Summary	Reduces plastic production, increase recycling, and protect frontline communities from toxic emissions from plastic waste by changing the incentives of the industry. Establish clear and visible "Do Not Flush" labeling notice for nonflushable wet wipes product packaging. Labeling requirement mirrors CA law. Establishes a new grants program to support projects that reduce microfiber pollution through improving industry and manufacturing best practices to reduce generation of textile-based microfiber pollution or improving the filtration technology in washing machines and at wastewater treatment plants. Creates USEPA pilot program to study the efficacy and cost

Status	effectiveness of tools, technologies, and techniques used to remove and prevent the release of microplastics into the environment. Introduced.
Last Action	Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change. March 29, 2021
Priority	High
Position	Support

Bill Id	S 984
Location	United States
Title	Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2021
Summary	Reduces plastic production, increase recycling, and protect frontline communities from toxic emissions from plastic waste by changing the incentives of the industry. Establish clear and visible "Do Not Flush" labeling notice for nonflushable wet wipes product packaging. Labeling requirement mirrors CA law. Establishes a new grants program to support projects that reduce microfiber pollution through improving industry and manufacturing best practices to reduce generation of textile-based microfiber pollution or improving the filtration technology in washing machines and at wastewater treatment plants. Creates USEPA pilot program to study the efficacy and cost effectiveness of tools, technologies, and techniques used to remove and prevent the release of microplastics into the environment.
Status	Introduced
Last Action	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. March 25, 2021.
Priority	High
Position	Support

Bill Id	HR 1881
Location	United States
Title	To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms, and for other purposes.
Summary	Extends the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to up to, but not exceeding, 10 years from the current 5 years, for a municipality.
Status	Introduced.
Last Action	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. March 15, 2021.

Bill Id	<u>HR 1015</u>
Location	United States
Title	Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act
Summary	Increases the authorization level for the Title XVI Program to \$500 million from the current \$50 million and makes it a permanent program. The bill strikes requirement that projects must be in drought or disaster areas and strikes the requirement that the projects need to be designated in an appropriations legislation.
Status	Introduced.
Last Action	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. March 15, 2021
Priority	High
Position	Support