

May 1, 2025

The Honorable Lou Correa
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: H.R. 2269, WIPPES Act Support – Orange County Sanitation District

Dear Congressman Lou Correa:

On behalf of the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San), I write to express our strong support for the bipartisan Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution Prevention and Environmental Safety (WIPPES) Act (H.R. 2269). This important legislation would establish uniform federal “Do Not Flush” labeling requirements for non-flushable wipes packaging—mirroring California’s successful law—and was favorably reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce in April. We respectfully urge you to support H.R. 2269 and vote in favor of it when it comes to the House Floor for consideration.

Every day, clean water utilities like OC San confront the growing challenge caused by improperly flushed non-flushable wipes. Despite being marketed for a variety of purposes, these products are not engineered for sewer systems. When flushed, they can clog pipes, damage critical treatment equipment, burden operations, and lead to costly maintenance and environmental harm through sewer overflows. These impacts are felt not only by utilities but by the communities we serve.

The WIPPES Act offers a simple, yet highly effective, source control solution by requiring consistent, clear “Do Not Flush” labeling on non-flushable wipe products. This commonsense measure will empower consumers with the information needed to properly dispose of wipes and protect our nation’s wastewater infrastructure. It is notable that the legislation has earned broad and sustained support from diverse stakeholders across industry, clean water agencies, environmental organizations, and civil engineering sectors.

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Passage of the WIPPES Act will strengthen the resiliency of America's clean water infrastructure, safeguard public health, protect our environment, and save ratepayers significant costs associated with avoidable damage and repairs. OC San is proud to support H.R. 2269, and we urge you to do the same by voting in favor when it is considered on the House Floor.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact Jennifer Cabral, Director of Communications, at (714) 593-7581 or via email at JCabral@ocsan.gov.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to protecting our nation's clean water resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. P. Gallagher", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ryan P. Gallagher
Board Chairman