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SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, we are strongly committed to ensuring that the people of Alabama have access to clean, safe, and reliable water and wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, engineers, water professionals, and local communities have an obligation to protect public health, to use limited public resources in the most efficient manner possible; and

WHEREAS, ongoing efforts nationally and in various states would undermine these goals, supersede professional engineering judgment, and impose new mandates on local communities; and

WHEREAS, the design of water and wastewater systems is an inherently local process and local communities are in the best position to select their infrastructure materials; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure materials all have different service lives, durability, reliability, economic, health, and

1 safety characteristics and engineers and communities need to
2 retain local control to select infrastructure materials based
3 on factors important to the specific needs of local
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, communities should remain free to adopt
6 system-wide best management practices and uniform
7 specifications in the development and maintenance of their
8 water systems to maximize efficiency and control costs; and

9 WHEREAS, restricting local control interferes with
10 sound engineering judgment and limits the ability of
11 communities to manage their systems efficiently; now
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we support local control of
15 water and wastewater systems in Alabama and oppose federal and
16 state mandates that promote material preferences for water,
17 wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure, such as "open
18 competition," "innovative materials," and other similar
19 policies.