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Ms. Joanne Throwe
Chair, U.S. EPA Environmental Financial Advisory Board
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. MC 4204M
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Dear Ms. Throwe:

Thank you for the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) report, "Evaluating Stormwater Infrastructure Funding and Financing (March 2020)." EPA appreciates EFAB's thoughtful deliberation and timely transmission of this report to EPA. EPA also appreciates the board members and invited consultants that developed this report through the Stormwater Infrastructure Funding Task Force. Because the Office of Wastewater Management is tasked with implementing stormwater funding and financing activities, I have been asked to respond to this letter.

Section 4101 of the 2018 America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) required EPA to establish a Stormwater Infrastructure Funding Task Force. AWIA directed that the Task Force "conduct a study on, and develop recommendations to improve the availability of public and private sources of funding for the construction, rehabilitation, and operation and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure." EFAB's report satisfies the Task Force study and recommendations as indicated in Section 4101 of AWIA.

EPA is required to submit a Report to Congress describing the results of the Task Force's study and resulting recommendations. The Task Force's research, observations, and recommendations will be included in our Report to Congress for their careful consideration. We will ensure that a copy of the report is provided to you to distribute to EFAB and the Task Force's members.

If the board has questions regarding the Stormwater Infrastructure Funding and Financing Report to Congress, please contact either Raffael Stein, Director of the Water Infrastructure Division, at (202) 564-5385 or stein.raffael@epa.gov or Sonia Brubaker, Director of the Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center, at (202) 564-0120 or brubaker.sonia@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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