

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RESTORED CUTS TO THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BUDGET AND
STATE REVOLVING FUNDS (SRFs)**

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plays a critical role in protecting public health and the environment through enforcement of clean air and clean water standards, hazardous waste management, and environmental remediation; and

WHEREAS, the EPA administers the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), which provide essential financial support to states and communities for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, proposed federal budget cuts to the EPA and SRFs would have significantly undermined local efforts to maintain, repair, and upgrade critical infrastructure, and Congress has restored those funds to the budget that were previously identified for elimination; and

WHEREAS, water quality and environmental protection are foundational to public health, economic development, and resilience from major disasters; and

WHEREAS, federal investment in clean water and environmental protection provides a high return on investment through job creation, pollution reduction, and long-term cost savings; and

WHEREAS, funding SRFs allows public entities to decrease incidences of waterborne illnesses, mitigate or eliminate environmental degradation, and avoid infrastructure failures that threaten communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, water is an essential component of nearly every aspect of life—it is either a part of the products we use or plays a critical role in their production, sanitation, or delivery, and proper wastewater disposal is necessary to protect both human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, systems for water supply, delivery, control, and wastewater treatment must be adapted to meet the challenges posed by changing operational conditions and regulatory requirements and with these challenges water and wastewater utilities require adequate and sustained funding to effectively address pressing needs and to ensure long-term sustainability and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs), as well as other federal revolving funding sources, have significantly helped such utilities fulfill their responsibilities for the past thirty years; and

WHEREAS, over the past thirty years, the SRFs have helped New Jersey finance below market loans for 1,666 water/sewer projects through \$7.6 billion in SRF permanent loans and \$1.48 billion in short-term SRF construction loans; and

WHEREAS, these projects have generated 140,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority (“Authority”) strongly agrees that State Revolving Funds are critical to economic viability and sustainability and a key component in all efforts to protect human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s users have directly benefitted from the SRF program funding assistance for several projects completed with I-Bank funding, and anticipates utilizing funding for needed upgrades and the replacement of aging infrastructure in the future and is grateful that Congress has voted to restore the proposed cuts that would have severely harmed the residents of this state and the

environment, and would have threaten to reverse decades of progress in environmental protection and improvements to public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority strongly supports the restoration of the proposed cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) budget and State Revolving Funds (SRFs), and is grateful that the United States Congress and the President are continuing to fund the EPA and SRFs to ensure continued progress in protecting public health and the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Administrator of the EPA, and the Congressional delegation representing the persons and entities located within the service area of the RVRSA.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority at its regular meeting held on August 14, 2025.

On motion of Commissioner Schorno

Second by Commissioner Howarth

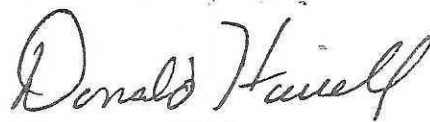
And a Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwiddden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa

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Donald Farrell, Board Secretary