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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Dear Colleague,

As you have no doubt heard, I intend to offer an amendment to S. 431, the Clean Water Act reauthorization, that will make the pretreatment program more workable. I can assure you that this Body will deal with few issues more complex.

I want to urge your cosponsorship of this important amendment, which, simply stated, allows continued local control where local control is the most effective means to preserve water quality.

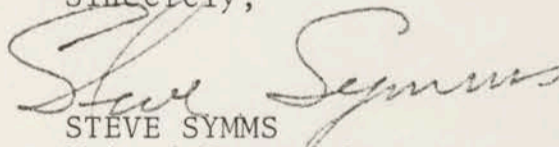
The Symms amendment is not for all publicly owned treatment works (POTW's). In fact, most of the nation's 2000 POTW's will not qualify under my amendment to modify their programs. They will instead be subject to the National Categorical standards EPA is currently struggling to put into place. But there are a handful of POTW's that have been running good and effective programs for years, long before EPA got into the picture. As EPA's Assistant Administrator for Water told me, these POTW's "have forgotten more about pretreatment than we will ever know in Washington."

I feel it would be a shame to "thank" those POTW's for their long commitment to clean water by emasculating their program and duplicating their efforts.

It was with great care, and with the counsel of the top experts in this area that I drafted this amendment. The states, their governors and water pollution control administrators, the POTW's, the mayors and the cities all participated in its preparation. This group is fully committed to clean water, and made certain that this amendment will improve water quality.

As I stated, the amendment, and the program it amends, are extremely complex. I have prepared a packet of information that outlines the amendment thoroughly, and includes letters of endorsement from some of the groups mentioned below. If you would like to cosponsor, or request a packet or additional information, please call Bill Fay or Trent Clark at 4-6142.

Sincerely,

  
STEVE SYMMS  
United States Senator

The following groups have specifically endorsed the program that the Symms amendment would put in place:

THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE & INTERSTATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ADMINISTRATORS  
THE CONFERENCE OF MAYORS  
THE ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE AGENCIES  
THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES  
THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS  
THE CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION  
THE AMERICAN PAPER INSTITUTE  
THE SYNTHETIC, ORGANIC CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSN.  
THE NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION  
THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  
NUMEROUS GOVERNORS, INDIVIDUAL CITIES, AND POTW'S

I have also attached a letter which I recently sent to EPA Administrator Ruckelshaus.