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Dear Economic Development Committee Members,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Water Quality Association (WQA), a not-for-profit trade association dedicated to improving awareness and knowledge of water quality across the country through research, professional training, and product certification. WQA represents over 2,500 companies in the commercial, industrial, and residential water treatment industry.

The association would like to offer its support for **House Bill 1709** which would establish an income tax credit for taxpayers who purchase and install a whole house water filter system which are also known as a point-of-entry (POE) treatment system. POE systems are designed to reduce contaminants in water intended for drinking, showering, washing dishes and clothes, brushing teeth, and flushing toilets. There are many health advantages to having treated water and many water treatment products provide energy-savings and environmental benefits as well.

Although WQA is generally supportive of the bill, we recommend that it include requirements for drinking water filtration systems, so they meet the performance, health and quality your constituents expect. We propose that language be added so that the POE systems purchased must meet nationally recognized industry standards such as those developed through American National Standards Institute (ANSI) process and that the products be independently certified by accredited certification bodies to ensure they perform as intended. These recommendations align with federal government agency guidelines.¹

In summary, WQA support the overall mission of this bill and we hope your committee will consider improving the bill by incorporating standards and requiring certification. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff email GovAffairs@WQA.org. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and for working to ensure the health and well-being of your constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Pollack".

Jeremy

¹ https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-09/documents/guide_smallsystems_pou-poe_june6-2006.pdf



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