

Government Finance Officers Association
Airports Council International - North America
American Association of Port Authorities
American Planning Association
American Public Power Association
American Public Works Association
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Water Works Association
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
International City/County Management Association
International Municipal Lawyers Association
International Public Management Association for Human Resources
Large Public Power Council
National Association for County Community and Economic Development
National Association of Health & Educational Facilities Finance Authorities
National Association of Bond Lawyers
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
National Association of Counties
National Association of Municipal Advisors
National Association of Regional Councils
National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies
National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers
National Association of State Treasurers
National Association of Towns and Townships
National Community Development Association
National Council of State Housing Agencies
National League of Cities
The United States Conference of Mayors

Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger
House Municipal Finance Caucus
2416 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Congressman Steve Stivers
House Municipal Finance Caucus
1022 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

December 10, 2018

We, the undersigned associations representing hundreds of thousands of state and local elected and appointed officials and public servants comprising the Public Finance Network, congratulate Congressman Steve Stivers (R-OH), who will join Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD) as Co-Chairman of the House Municipal Finance Caucus. Congressman Stivers is particularly suited to join in leading the caucus with years of experience in finance through his work in the private sector, the Ohio State Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Since its creation, the House Municipal Finance Caucus has led efforts to recognize the vital contribution that municipal bonds have played in the evolution of the United States economy. As the new Congress begins to seek ways to increase infrastructure investments, we are encouraged that the Caucus works to promote an incredibly powerful tool already in hand – tax-exempt municipal bonds. Tax-exempt municipal bonds have financed more than \$2 trillion in new infrastructure investments over the past ten years and are on a path to finance another \$2 trillion in the next ten years. Not only are municipal bonds one of the best ways to implement the infrastructure needs of each community effectively, but they also make up a vibrant and thriving municipal bond market.

We look forward to working with Representatives Ruppberger and Stivers and the entire House Municipal Finance Caucus to identify and promote common sense policy solutions to strengthen municipal financing to benefit all Americans.

Sincerely,

Government Finance Officers Association, Emily Swenson Brock, 202-393-8467
Airports Council International – North America, Annie Russo, 202-293-8500
American Association of Port Authorities, Susan Monteverde, 703-706-4703
American Planning Association, Jason Jordan, 202-349-1005
American Public Power Association, John Godfrey, 202-467-2929
American Public Works Association, Andrea Eales, 202-408-9541
American Society of Civil Engineers, Joe Brady, 202-789-7852
American Water Works Association, Tracy Mehan, 202-628-8303
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Dan Hartnett, 202-331-2820
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, Craig Lindwarm, 202-478-6032
International City/County Management Association, Elizabeth Kellar, 202-962-5328
International Municipal Lawyers Association, Charles W. Thompson, Jr., 202-466-5424
International Public Management Association for Human Resources, Neil Reichenberg, 703-549-7100
Large Public Power Council, John DeStasio, 512-707-1010
National Assoc. for County Community and Economic Development, Heather Voorman, 202-367-2405
National Assoc. of Health and Educational Facilities Finance Authorities, Chuck Samuels, 202-434-7311
National Association of Bond Lawyers, Jessica Giroux, 202-503-3290
National Association of Clean Water Agencies, Kristina Surfus, 202-833-4655
National Association of Counties, Jack Peterson, 202-661-8805
National Association of Municipal Advisors, Susan Gaffney, 703-395-4896
National Association of Regional Councils, Leslie Wollack, 202-618-6363
National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies, Heather Voorman, 202-367-2405
National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers, Cornelia Chebinou, 202-624-5451
National Association of State Treasurers, Preston Weyland, 202-347-3863
National Association of Towns and Townships, Jennifer Imo, 202-454-3947
National Community Development Association, Vicki Watson, 202-656-9552
National Council of State Housing Agencies, Garth Rieman, 202-624-7710
National League of Cities, Brian Egan, 202-626-3107
The United States Conference of Mayors, Larry Jones, 202-861-6709