

## SUPPORT ON THE HILL

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This past March, a New York Delegation of volunteers went to Washington, DC, to request our representatives continue the funding levels that provide the programs that NYRWA extend to our members and the small community water and wastewater personnel throughout our state.

We wish to thank Claude Sykes from the Village of Baldwinsville, John Mokszycki from the Town of Greenport and Matt Reynolds from the Town of DeWitt for taking time out of their busy schedules to show the support to their representatives to maintain these programs.

Following up on these visits, another group of volunteers went to the Hill in April and requested our Congress and Senate to sign on to a Dear Colleague Letter in support of the training and technical assistance programs. We thank Florence Braunius from the Village of Speculator and John O'Connell from the Shadybrook Trailer Park in Liverpool for their support and time.

The following is a list of those United States Representatives that supported these programs by placing their signature on the letter. Our deepest gratitude to these Representatives for standing up for Rural Water and the small communities of New York State.

Senator Clinton, Congressman Walsh, Congressman

Houghton, Congressman Weiner, Congressman Boehlert, Congresswoman McCarthy, Congressman Towns, Congressman McHugh, Congressman Hinchey, Congressman Sweeney, Congressman McNulty, Congresswoman Slaughter, Congressman Serrano, and Congressman Engel.

These Representatives understand the importance of providing quality drinking water to our communities, families, and neighbors and support the efforts of those dedicated individuals that run our treatment plants. ♠

*Pictured left to right: Claude Sykes, Matt Reynolds, Congressman Walsh, Pat Scalera and John Mokszycki.*

