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Board of Commissioners
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)
14501 Sweitzer Lane,
Laurel, MD 20707

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of our members in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, we applaud the fair and open process that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) employed while updating Sections 818, 302.10 and 814 of the plumbing code, as it relates to regulating the discharge of fats, oils and grease at foodservice establishments. WSSC staff has been extremely cooperative throughout the process, and genuinely interested in hearing comments and concerns from the foodservice industry.

We are happy that several foodservice industry suggestions have been incorporated into the code revisions, including efforts to avoid any categorical grease abatement device prohibitions and allowing for additional sizing options for outdoor interceptors. WSSC staff also remained cognizant of limited space issues for foodservice establishments located in areas that lack outdoor real estate.

Our members sincerely appreciate that WSSC staff and consultants have successfully produced a more stringent version of the plumbing code, while simultaneously making every effort to mitigate the impact on the foodservice industry. We support the final version of the updated code and would welcome the opportunity to work with WSSC on future projects.

Thank you for including our industry in this process.

Sincerely,

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