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**Statement of Terry O'Sullivan,
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On Making the Jobs Created by the Water Quality Investment Act, Good Jobs**

“The men and women who build America deserve decent paychecks”

Washington, D.C. (March 11, 2009) – LIUNA is urging the U.S. House of Representatives to pass the Water Quality Investment Act (H.R. 1262) without amendments that would drive down local living standards. The Act, unanimously approved by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, is a modest step towards closing the gap on the \$390 billion the American Society of Civil Engineers estimates is needed over 20 years to improve wastewater systems. Corporate interests and anti-worker members of Congress are attempting to remove family-supporting Davis-Bacon protections from the bill. The protections prevent unscrupulous contractors from using taxpayer dollars to drive down local living standards.

LIUNA General President Terry O'Sullivan made the following statement today:

Corporate interests should not be allowed to use taxpayer dollars to drive down the living standards of working families in communities across the country. That is exactly what will happen if corporate interests prevail in stripping the \$13.8 billion Water Quality Investment Act of family-supporting Davis-Bacon protections. The workers who build America and the communities in which they live deserve decent paychecks. Taxpayers deserve the most for their money. Davis-Bacon protections help accomplish both.

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