

The National Association of Counties (NACo) adopted a resolution to support local control on July 12, 2021.



Resolution in Opposition of Material Preference Legislation

Issue: There is a national effort to eliminate local control of water, wastewater, and stormwater (water) infrastructure systems, which would deny engineers, utilities, local governments, and public entities the ability to design water systems in the manner that best serves the needs of their communities.

Policy: NACo supports local control of decisions related to water infrastructure as local communities are in the best position to determine appropriate local water infrastructure investments. State and federal governments should not pass laws or regulations that restrict or limit local governments' ability to invest in the types of water infrastructure and innovative technology that best suits their needs. NACo is neutral as to which materials communities select for water infrastructure projects, but NACo recognizes that communities have unique needs regarding water infrastructure and their autonomy to address those needs should not be restricted or limited in this manner.

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