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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Majority Whip
United States Senate
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The Honorable Jon Kyl
Minority Whip
United States Senate
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Dear Senate Leadership,

As America's leading construction, engineering, conservation, labor, municipal, and manufacturing organizations, we strongly support the bipartisan Water Infrastructure Financing Act – S. 1005 and urge the Senate to pass this critical infrastructure legislation prior to the August Recess. The Water Infrastructure Financing Act is the product of years of work by the bipartisan leadership of the Environment and Public Works Committee and is deserving of support from every United States Senator.

America is facing staggering shortfalls in water infrastructure investment and the highest unemployment rates in over two decades. The Environmental Protection Agency, the Government Accountability Office, and the Water Infrastructure Network have all projected shortfalls in water infrastructure funding approaching \$500 billion over the next 20 years, with the annual shortfall estimated at approximately \$23 billion. The Water Infrastructure Financing Act is a timely investment in our nation's critical water infrastructure that will generate approximately 1,365,000 construction, manufacturing, and engineering jobs over the next five years.

The Water Infrastructure Financing Act will provide critical water infrastructure funding to communities of every size in every state. In fact, every state will receive significantly more water infrastructure funding through this legislation than is provided today. Significant funding will also be available to assist small and disadvantaged communities and support green infrastructure projects. Water quality in our lakes, streams and estuaries, public health and the long-term competitiveness of our nation will all benefit from the critical investments called for in the Water Infrastructure Financing Act.

Again, the Water Infrastructure Network applauds your efforts to bring the Water Infrastructure Financing Act before the full Senate for consideration and strongly supports its enactment into law.

Sincerely,
The Water Infrastructure Network

The Water Infrastructure Network - WIN

- National Association of Clean Water Agencies
- Associated General Contractors of America
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Public Works Association
- American Council of Engineering Companies
- American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association
- International Union of Operating Engineers
- International Union of Bricklayers
- Laborers International of North America
- United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices in the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
- Water Environment Federation
- Western Coalition of Arid States
- Clean Water Action
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- American Rivers
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Riverkeeper
- Trout Unlimited
- Ducks Unlimited
- American Sportfishing Association
- Rural Community Assistance Partnership
- Association of California Water Agencies
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- United Brotherhood of CarpentersDesign Build Institute of America
- California Rebuild America Coalition
- Associated Equipment Distributors
- Association of Equipment Manufacturers
- National Construction Alliance
- Clean Water Construction Coalition
- Construction Management Association of America
- Association of Equipment Manufacturers
- American Supply Association
- Vinyl Institute
- Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association
- Pipe Rehabilitation Council
- Portland Cement Association
- National Ready Mix Concrete Association
- Vermeer Corp.
- Environmental and Energy Study Institute
- National Society of Professional Engineers
- California Association of Sanitation Agencies
- National Association of Towns and Townships
- National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies

