

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dear Colleague:

We are reaching out to urge your support for including a robust investment in water and wastewater infrastructure in any jobs package that Congress may enact - \$3 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF) and \$3 billion for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program (DWSRF). Such an investment is a wise use of federal funds as studies have shown that investment in water infrastructure creates solid jobs and contributes greatly to economic growth. In fact, it is estimated that every \$1 billion provided for water and wastewater infrastructure projects creates between 20,000 to 27,000 jobs and an economic ripple effect that adds \$2.87 to \$3.46 billion to the economy as a result of that investment. Furthermore, 33 states recently responded to a nationwide survey highlighting at least \$56 billion in ready to go water and wastewater projects available for funding that could be under construction with 90 – 270 days. As the Senate considers legislation to spur job creation, we must prioritize the investments that will have the greatest benefit, such as repairing and improving America's water and wastewater infrastructure.

Please review the attached letter to Senate Leadership urging their support for this investment. If you would like to sign-on to this letter, please contact Sarah Greenberger in Senator Cardin's office at 4-4524 or Brad Crowell in Senator Whitehouse's office at 4-2921. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Benjamin L. Cardin
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