

March 2, 2011

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
361-A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Funding Levels for Safe and Clean Water Programs in the FY11 Continuing Budget Resolution

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell:

As organizations concerned with the improvement of the nation's water quality, we are writing to urge you to reject the drastic spending cuts to drinking water, wastewater and water quality programs included in H.R. 1, the House passed spending bill to fund the federal government for the remainder of this fiscal year. Instead we ask for your support of continuing these programs at the annualized levels included in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2011 budget proposal. Specifically, we urge you to fund the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) at a \$2.0 billion annualized level, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund at a \$1.287 billion annualized level, the Clean Water Act Section 106 program at a \$274 million annualized level, and the Clean Water Act Section 319 program at a \$200 million annualized level. If H.R. 1 were to pass in its current form states would see drastic reductions in funding for needed water programs including the CWSRF and DWSRF. To provide the scope of these reductions, and their potential impacts to your state, we have attached two documents for your review.

It is well documented that our nation's water quality is reaching a tipping point. The American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) latest infrastructure report card gave the nation's water infrastructure a grade of D-, the lowest of any category. In addition, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates a \$633 billion shortfall in water infrastructure funding over the next 20 years. Each day the nation suffers significant losses and damages from broken water and sewer mains, sewage overflows, and other symptoms of water infrastructure that is reaching the end of its useful life.

At the same time, investments in water infrastructure provide significant economic benefits. The U.S. Conference of Mayors notes that each public dollar invested in water infrastructure increases private long-term GDP output by \$6.35. A dollar invested in water infrastructure creates more jobs than in any other type of infrastructure. In addition, the Department of Commerce estimates that each job created in the local water and sewer industry creates 3.68 jobs in the national economy and each public dollar spent yields \$2.62 dollars in economic output in other industries.

For these reasons, it is critical the federal government remains a reliable partner in meeting the nation's clean water needs. This funding represents a fraction of what state and local governments invest annually and is highly productive in the American economy with substantial returns in the form of jobs, economic growth and competitiveness while safeguarding the environment, public health, and quality of life for countless Americans. Thank you for your consideration of our request and if you have any questions or would like more information about any of these programs, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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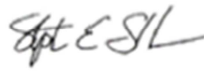
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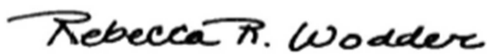
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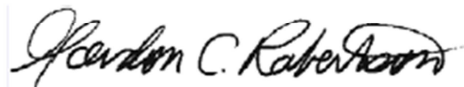
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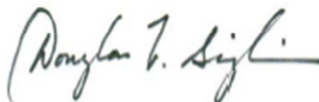
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Enclosures

CC: All Members of the United States Senate

Clean Water SRF Side-By-Side Comparison- Fiscal Year 2010 Enacted vs. Proposed Levels in H.R.1

<i>State</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 2010 Enacted</i>	<i>H.R. 1 Proposed</i>	<i>2008 EPA Needs Survey</i>	<i>FY 2011 IUP Projects Awaiting Funding</i>
Alabama	\$23,188,869	\$7,585,900	\$4,425,000,000	\$49,500,000/ 11 projects
Alaska	\$12,411,607	\$4,013,800	N/A	\$47,186,687/21 projects
Arizona	\$14,006,730	\$4,542,500	\$5,229,000,000	\$126,670,942/12 projects
Arkansas	\$13,565,937	\$4,396,400	\$470,000,000	\$136,000,000/ 3 projects
California	\$148,316,864	\$48,667,707	\$29,910,000,000	No FY11 developed. FY10 \$2.3 billion
Colorado	\$16,588,434	\$5,398,200	\$1,472,000,000	\$2,473,352,099/533 projects
Connecticut	\$25,405,206	\$8,320,500	\$3,752,000,000	\$198,000,000/ 28 projects
Delaware	\$10,180,487	\$3,274,300	\$222,000,000	N/A
District of Columbia	\$10,180,487	\$3,274,300	\$2,545,000,000	N/A
Florida	\$70,001,669	\$22,969,881	\$19,567,000,000	\$260,681,935/79 projects
Georgia	\$35,063,137	\$11,505,384	\$89,000,000	Preliminary: \$81,988,494/6 projects
Hawaii	\$16,061,352	\$5,223,500	\$1,757,000,000	\$53,800,000/ 8 projects
Idaho	\$10,180,487	\$3,274,300	\$1,377,000,000	\$122,862,064
Illinois	\$93,790,633	\$30,775,833	\$17,503,000,000	\$1,900,000,000/359 projects
Indiana	\$49,978,306	\$16,399,548	\$7,120,000	\$1,333,927,697/ 108 projects
Iowa	\$28,066,862	\$9,202,700	\$3,429,000,000	\$574,055,398/165 projects
Kansas	\$18,718,784	\$6,104,300	\$3,246,000,000	\$65,000,000/32 projects
Kentucky	\$26,393,597	\$8,648,100	\$2,117,000,000	\$476,777,237/145 projects
Louisiana	\$22,797,254	\$7,456,100	\$4,032,000,000	\$1,652,868,147/202 projects
Maine	\$16,053,206	\$5,220,800	\$1,031,000,000	N/A
Maryland	\$50,156,614	\$16,458,057	\$8,470,000,000	\$808,000,000/165 projects
Massachusetts	\$70,409,576	\$23,103,729	\$7,951,000,000	\$276,000,000/53 projects
Michigan	\$89,168,789	\$29,259,252	\$3,715,000,000	\$548,000,000/97 projects
Minnesota	\$38,116,106	\$12,507,165	\$4,110,000,000	\$400,000,000/134 projects
Mississippi	\$18,683,786	\$6,092,700	\$1,417,000,000	\$36,800,000/33 projects
Missouri	\$57,488,085	\$18,863,757	\$5,750,000,000	\$716,516,795/ 106 projects
Montana	\$10,180,487	\$3,274,300	\$587,000,000	\$262,000,000/126 projects
Nebraska	\$10,607,100	\$3,415,700	\$3,222,000,000	\$78,189,190/47 projects
Nevada	\$10,180,487	\$3,274,300	\$1,249,000,000	\$410,000,000/59 projects
New Hampshire	\$20,724,228	\$6,769,000	\$1,249,000,000	\$206,000,000/86 projects
New Jersey	\$84,743,960	\$27,807,318	\$32,508,000,000	\$602,000,000/87 projects
New Mexico	\$10,180,487	\$3,274,300	\$103,000,000	N/A
New York	\$228,897,876	\$75,109,023	\$29,715,000,000	\$6,900,000,000/676 projects
North Carolina	\$37,427,310	\$12,281,148	\$6,551,000,000	N/A
North Dakota	\$10,180,487	\$3,274,300	N/A	\$126,000,000/63 projects (draft numbers)

Ohio	\$116,746,886	\$38,308,545	\$14,221,000,000	N/A
Oklahoma	\$16,754,372	\$5,453,200	\$1,298,000,000	\$157,000,000/31 projects
Oregon	\$23,426,614	\$7,664,700	\$3,778,000,000	\$487,047,846/ 138 projects
Pennsylvania	\$82,146,266	\$26,954,928	\$17,939,000,000	N/A
Rhode Island	\$13,924,666	\$4,515,300	N/A	\$1,265,182,599/ 41 projects
South Carolina	\$21,244,974	\$6,941,600	\$566,000,000	\$146,319,387/27 projects (FY10 IUP)
South Dakota	\$10,180,487	\$3,274,300	\$106,000,000	\$77,900,000/ 49 projects
Tennessee	\$30,125,406	\$9,885,000	\$1,364,000,000	N/A
Texas	\$94,784,153	\$31,101,840	\$11,539,000,000	\$1,651,115,000/236 projects
Utah	\$10,926,607	\$3,521,600	\$2,939,000,000	N/A
Vermont	\$10,180,487	\$3,274,300	\$218,000,000	\$54,200,000/22 projects
Virginia	\$42,440,769	\$13,926,231	\$6,848,000,000	\$173,183,129/ 34 projects
Washington	\$36,063,596	\$11,833,668	\$5,262,000,000	N/A
West Virginia	\$32,327,865	\$10,607,850	\$3,014,000,000	\$284,352,000/52 projects
Wisconsin	\$56,064,030	\$18,396,477	\$6,361,000,000	\$1,100,516,231/251 projects
Wyoming	\$10,180,487	\$3,274,300	\$156,000,000	\$56,977,908
Totals	\$2,015,612,947	\$659,951,941	\$284,386,120,000	