

July 12, 2018

Senator Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader,
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader,
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Strong Support for Passage of America's Water Infrastructure Act – S. 2800

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer,

The nation's leading construction, engineering, municipal, conservation, public works, infrastructure finance, labor and manufacturing organizations, support America's Water Infrastructure Act and applaud the inclusion of the Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now Act - the SRF WIN Act. The inclusion of the SRF WIN Act in the America's Water Infrastructure Act will bring billions of dollars in critical water and wastewater infrastructure funding to thousands of communities across the nation. We greatly appreciate your commitment to improving our nation's water and wastewater infrastructure and strongly support passage and enactment of the bipartisan America's Water Infrastructure Act.

The Innovative Financing for State Loan Funds provisions in America's Water Infrastructure Act utilize the substantial leveraging of Federal infrastructure funding established through the Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (WIFIA) to finance the existing Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act State Revolving Funds (CWA and SDWA SRFs). State Finance Authorities have been successfully financing wastewater infrastructure projects through the CWA SRF for the past 30 years and drinking water infrastructure through the SDWA SRF for the past 20 years. State Finance Authorities have solicited and assessed thousands of water infrastructure project proposals submitted by large and small communities in every state and Congressional District. States currently have thousands of vetted water infrastructure projects awaiting SRF funding.

State Finance Authorities are in an ideal position to combine WIFIA leveraged funding with existing SRF Funds to expeditiously finance thousands of existing water infrastructure projects. The America's Water Infrastructure Act makes this essential water infrastructure funding and finance synergy a reality.

The historic new investment in our nation's water and wastewater infrastructure contained in America's Water Infrastructure Act has the potential to create and support tens of thousands of American engineering, manufacturing and construction jobs while improving the quality of our nation's lakes, rivers and estuaries. A study performed for the Associated General Contractors of America by Professor Stephen Fuller of George Mason University found that an additional \$1 billion in nonresidential construction spending adds about \$3.4 billion to Gross

Domestic Product (GDP), about \$1.1 billion to personal earnings, and creates or sustains 28,500 jobs. The innovative financing of our nation's Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds being advanced in America's Water Infrastructure Act makes eminent economic and environmental sense and deserves the support of every United States Senator.

As America's leading advocates for significant, fiscally responsible, investment in our nation's water infrastructure we are committed to working with you to deliver the America's Water Infrastructure Act to the President's desk this year.

Sincerely,

(Previous signatories to SRF WIN Act / America's Water Infrastructure Act Support Letters)

- **American Council of Engineering Companies – ACEC**
- **American Composite Manufacturers Association - ACMA**
- **American Public Works Association – APWA**
- **American Society of Civil Engineers – ASCE**
- **Arkansas Natural Resources Commission – ANRC**
- **Arkansas Rural Water Association - ARWA**
- **Associated General Contractors of America – AGC**
- **Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities - CIFA**
- **Ducks Unlimited – DU**
- **Grasslands Water District -- GWD**
- **Hydraulic Institute – HI**
- **International Union of Operating Engineers – IUOE**
- **Laborers International Union of North America – LIUNA**
- **Land Trust of Arkansas – LTA**
- **Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District - MMSD**
- **National Association of Clean Water Agencies – NACWA**

- **National Electrical Contractors Association – NECA**
- **National Rural Water Association – NRWA**
- **NEW Water**
- **Riceland Foods**
- **Rural Community Assistance Partnership – RCAP**
- **United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters - The United**
- **Vinyl Institute – VI**
- **Water Infrastructure Network – WIN**
- **Water Reuse Association - WRA**
- **Water Systems Council – WSC**
- **Water Well Trust – WWT**