Template Letter re: Support for Direct Investment in Clean Water in Comprehensive Infrastructure Legislation

July xx, 2021

The Honorable XXXX

United States Senator/United States Representative

Washington, D.C.

Dear Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_:

On behalf of {utility}, which provides public clean water utility services to {include your service area number} of your constituents throughout {state/congressional district}, I am writing to urge that as Congress moves forward on any comprehensive infrastructure legislation, it includes a significant increase in real dollar investment for clean water that is on par with other key infrastructure sectors. Specifically, I request that any infrastructure bill include immediate appropriations for water investment, not just authorizations for future spending, and that as much of the funds as possible be distributed as grants and not loans.

{Utility’s} clean water infrastructure is critical to not only protecting the public health and the environment of our region but also provides essential public services that households, hospitals, schools, and businesses in our communities depend upon daily. The nature of these essential services was underscored during the COVID- 19 pandemic as our utility worked tirelessly to maintain service to all residents.

Immediate, increased and direct investment for clean water in a major infrastructure bill provided in the form of grants or through additional subsidization provisions, such as those provided for under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), are imperative for communities such as ours in accessing affordable funding to maintain, upgrade, and build critical wastewater and stormwater infrastructure throughout the region without placing increased costs on our customers and your constituents.

Specifically, {Include any potential construction projects, major capital investments etc. your utility could begin working on/creating jobs/having a local economic impact if Congress were to provide significant funding for water infrastructure in an infrastructure/jobs stimulus bill.}

As Congress works to craft a once-in-a-generation infrastructure investment bill, strong and direct federal investment in clean water infrastructure is key to ensuring communities like ours have the increased ability to continue providing critical and essential clean water services in an affordable manner.

I thank you for your consideration of this important request and appreciate all that you are doing for your constituents each day.

Sincerely,