

October 3, 2016

The Honorable XXXX XXXXXXXXX
U.S. House of Representatives

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The Honorable XXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXX
United States Senate

Dear Representative XXXXXXXXXXXXX

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Dear Senator XXXXXXXXXXXXX

As House and Senate conferees gather to produce a Water Resources Development Act of 2016, we urge you to make sure that \$70 million in funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and \$100 million for the state revolving loan fund (SRF) program remain in the final package.

As you know, the Senate WRDA bill does contain such specific provisions and the House bill provides \$170 million to assist Flint, Mich., and other communities in which an emergency has been declared, plus other communities needing to update and upgrade their water infrastructure. The SRF and WIFIA are existing tools for supporting local efforts to reinvest in the nation's water infrastructure. The SRF has features designed to help communities in particular distress. WIFIA is a newer, budget-neutral loan program designed to assist communities with projects too large or beyond the scope of the SRF.

Reinvestment in the nation's drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure is vital to protection of human and environmental health and to the country's economic health. Again we urge you to support funding to these particular programs in the final conference WRDA report. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions about local water infrastructure and treatment.

Sincerely,