



February 10, 2020

The Honorable Jared Huffman
Chairman
Subcommittee on Water Oceans and Wildlife
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Huffman:

The California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) is pleased to support your draft proposal for the FUTURE Drought Resiliency Act. CASA represents more than 125 public agencies and municipalities that provide essential public services throughout the state to protect the environment and public health, including wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling, biosolids management, and resource recovery. As this legislation moves forward, we look forward to working with the subcommittee on matters impacting the State of California's water supply reliability.

CASA is specifically supportive of the proposal's provisions that authorize a competitive grants program for the funding of water recycling and reuse projects as detailed in Section 101. We also appreciate the inclusion of provisions designed to ensure assistance for disadvantaged communities that lack safe and reliable drinking water. In light of the ever-increasing demand for infrastructure assistance, we believe the creation of a water infrastructure fund with a dedicated stream of funding is vital if we are to move forward in the development of essential water infrastructure, including water recycling. The proposed fund's support of grants assistance that can facilitate innovation in water supply and treatment through the WaterSMART program is no less important.

Again, as you and your colleagues consider the legislation, CASA looks forward to working to ensure the bill addresses California's vital water supply reliability needs in an environmentally responsible manner.

Sincerely yours,

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Adam D. Link
Executive Director