



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

February 28, 2020

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito
United States Senate
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

SUPPORT: S.2674, the Assuring Quality Water Infrastructure Act

Dear Senator Capito:

I would like to take this opportunity to express Metropolitan's support for S. 2674, the Assuring Quality Water Infrastructure Act.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a regional wholesaler that provides water for 26 member public agencies to deliver - either directly or through their sub-agencies - to nearly 19 million people living in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.

As the nation's largest drinking water provider, we support your legislation which provides for a grant program to improve water infrastructure asset management for the benefit of small system providers throughout the nation. Some of Metropolitan's member agencies provide drinking water to small system water utilities that we believe meet the criteria of the grant program established by your legislation.

We also support S. 2674 in light of the measures' data sharing provisions that would enhance the ability of water providers to communicate and coordinate science-driven strategies to improve water utility capacity to comply with federal Safe Drinking Water Standards as they continue to develop.

We appreciate your leadership in having sponsored S. 2674 and it is our hope that this important legislation advances expeditiously through the 116th Congress and that it will be enacted into law this year. Please let me know if Metropolitan can be a resource to you or your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Kightlinger", is written over a light blue circular stamp that partially overlaps the signature.

Jeffrey Kightlinger
General Manager