



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Office of the General Manager*

July 11, 2019

The Honorable Jared Huffman  
Chair  
Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1630 House Longworth Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-0502

Dear Representative Huffman:

I would like to take this opportunity to express Metropolitan's support for your legislation H.R. 2313, the Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act of 2019. Once enacted, this bi-partisan and sound public policy will amend the U.S. Tax code in a manner to clarify that water conservation rebates are valuable tools for water management and should not be taxed at the federal level.

It is our hope that H.R. 2313 will be advanced expeditiously through the House and Senate and be enacted into law this year.

Energy consumers already enjoy a congressional authorized tax exempt status for energy conservation rebates. In light of the well-established nexus between the use of energy and water delivery infrastructure, millions of water users in California and across the United States are relying on the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress to take swift action to achieve the objective of federal tax parity for both energy and water conservation rebates.

Metropolitan would be pleased to be a resource to you and your staff in connection with this important legislation. Please feel free to contact me or our Executive Legislative Representative Brad Hiltcher at (202)393-4251 if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Kightlinger".

Jeffrey Kightlinger  
General Manager