



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

March 2, 2020

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: H.R. 2533, the Providing Financial Assistance for Safe Drinking Water Act or the PFAS Drinking Water Act

Dear Chairman Pallone:

I would like to take this opportunity to express Metropolitan's support for H.R. 2533, the Providing Financial Assistance for Safe Drinking Water Act, or the PFAS Drinking Water 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.

PFAS have been detected in groundwater wells throughout Southern California, requiring numerous wells to be taken out of service and raising costs for our local agencies to monitor, treat and/or purchase replacement supplies. We strongly support your proposal to authorize the Environmental Protection Agency to provide grant funding to assist local water providers with the cost of compliance with new PFAS drinking water standards as they evolve over the course of the next few years.

Although the House of Representatives has taken action on a comprehensive PFAS package of bills now pending Senate response, it is our hope that your financial assistance proposal will be included in the legislation that is ultimately agreed to by both Houses and enacted into law.

Please feel free to contact us if Metropolitan can be a resource to you and your staff as the 116th Congress completes work this year on comprehensive PFAS legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Kightlinger", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Jeffrey Kightlinger
General Manager