



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

March 2, 2020

The Honorable Harley Rouda  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2300 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

SUPPORT: HR.2570, the PFAS User Fee Act of 2019

Dear Representative Rouda:

It is a pleasure for the Metropolitan Water District to support H.R. 2570, the PFAS User Fee Act of 2019.

In light of last year's action by the House of Representatives passing H.R. 535, a comprehensive package of bills on the topic of per and polyfluralchel substances, known generally as PFAS, it is our hope that Congress will consider the language of H.R. 2570 once the Senate advances its own version of a PFAS bill.

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 support your efforts, as proposed in H.R. 2570, to structure a means by which to compel polluters to pay the costs connected with removing the health risks of PFAS from drinking water supplies throughout the nation.

Please feel free to contact us if we can be a resource in the ongoing effort to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act in a manner that assigns the cost of PFAS cleanup and health standards compliance to those industries and manufacturers who are responsible for producing these chemicals, contaminating the environment and ultimately placing drinking water users at risk.

It is our hope that the solutions offered by your thoughtful legislation will be enacted into law this year.

Sincerely,

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

Jeffrey Kightlinger  
General Manager