



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

March 29, 2019

The Honorable Maxine Waters  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2221 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Waters:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), I would like to express our support for H.R. 1429, the Drinking Water Infrastructure for Job Creation Act of 2019.

Metropolitan is a state-established cooperative that, along with its 26 city and wholesale member agencies and retail suppliers, provide water for nearly 19 million people— one out of every two Californians. Ensuring the delivery of safe, reliable drinking water is central to our mission. H.R. 1429, if enacted, would provide \$7.5 billion in supplemental appropriations dedicated to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), during the current 2019 fiscal year.

Aging infrastructure and increasing regulations require ongoing investment in local water systems. The DWSRF is the primary source of federal funding for many of the nation's drinking water programs. Due to the acute need for funding, states have long sought a more stable appropriation. H.R. 1429 satisfies that objective by increasing and stabilizing both DWSRF and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

Enhanced federal funding and financing resources will better enable water suppliers to meet the challenge of providing safe and reliable drinking water to all Americans. We welcome the opportunity to work with you and your staff towards the accomplishment of this important goal.

As always, please feel free to contact us when Metropolitan can be a resource to you on this and other water policy issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Kightlinger", written in a cursive style.

Jeffrey Kightlinger  
General Manager