



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

July 9, 2019

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: S. 1932 (Gardner): The Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Metropolitan is pleased to express support for S. 1932, "The Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act", and we thank you for your role in helping advance this important legislation.

It is encouraging to see strong multi-state and bipartisan support for effective, cost-efficient and locally responsive water resource management solutions that are needed to strengthen climate resiliency.

Some of the most significant benefits the bill would provide to local water agencies include:

- Extending and enhancing many provisions of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) Act by:
 - Removing the WIIN Act Title XVI expiration date
 - Authorizing increased appropriations for the WIIN Act Title XVI funding
 - Increasing the federal funding cap from \$20M up to \$30M for Title XVI
 - Establishing a process to deauthorize inactive recycling projects
- Enhancing federal funding for surface and groundwater storage projects, with an authorization of appropriations of \$670 million, and
- Establishing the "Reclamation Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act" (RIFIA), an innovative low-cost financing tool to be provided by the Bureau of Reclamation

We look forward to working closely with you and your staff on this bill; please let us know how Metropolitan can be of additional support to your office.

Finally, thank you for your consistent and effective leadership on water issues, investments and innovation. Your tireless efforts in pursuit of water supply reliability continue to contribute to a thriving, vibrant California.

Sincerely,

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

Jeffrey Kightlinger
General Manager

cc: The Honorable Cory Gardner
The Honorable Martha McSally
The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema