February 1, 2018

The Honorable John Boozman
U.S. Senate
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boozman:

The WateReuse Association (WRA) would like to express support for S. 2364, the "Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now Act", or "SRF WIN Act".

WRA is a strong supporter of both the State Revolving Funds (SRF) and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program as important financing programs for water and wastewater infrastructure including water reuse infrastructure. SRF WIN brings the advantages of these two programs together to leverage additional low-cost capital that states, large and small, can use to address a massive backlog of critical water infrastructure projects.

For many communities, reusing water is the only way to provide a safe, reliable, and locally-controlled supply of water, especially for communities experiencing significant growth or that regularly experience periods of prolonged drought. Communities incorporate water reuse to meet demand for potable and non-potable water supplies through methods such as recharging groundwater aquifers and augmenting surface water reservoirs. Communities facing water shortages are often in need of low-cost financing to help ensure these alternative supply systems remain financially viable to their customers.

The SRF WIN Act offers a useful complement to the existing SRF and WIFIA programs by providing states with an additional low-cost financing tool for recycled water systems that otherwise find it difficult to access necessary funds for investments. WRA members continue to turn to the SRF programs as a primary financing tool for these projects and we appreciate the legislative provisions incorporated in the legislation to ensure federal investment in the SRF remains strong.

Thank you for your support and for your continued leadership and commitment to addressing our nation's water infrastructure investment needs.

Sincerely,

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