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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Feinstein and Congressman Calvert,

In 2016, due to your steadfast efforts, Congress established a competitive grant program within the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse program to provide federal cost-share grant funding for water recycling projects in the arid West. As you know, Title XVI is the only active federal program with water recycling as its sole purpose. We write today to thank you for your tenacious support for the program, and to ask you to help secure increased funding for the Title XVI-WIIN program in particular in FY 2020.

There is a large and growing backlog of \$528 million of federal cost share for eligible Title XVI-WIIN projects, and the demand for Title XVI-WIIN grants will continue to grow as more projects become eligible. Title XVI-WIIN is an integral part of the federal funding partnership with local communities throughout the West to ensure they have safe and sustainable water supplies to meet demand. This is especially true in California, which has received the vast majority of Title XVI funding.

Given the critical role that water reuse will play in California's future water management, and given the overwhelming demand for Title XVI-WIIN projects across the West, we ask that you help secure \$100 million for this program in FY 2020.

Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the signatories below.

Sincerely,

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