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The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128, The Capitol  
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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, The Capitol  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Ranking Member  
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S-146A, The Capitol  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Leahy, Chairman Frelinghuysen, and Ranking Member Lowey:

The WaterReuse Association (WRA) urges the conference committee for the FY19 Energy and Water, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Legislative Branch appropriations minibus bill to agree upon the House-proposed funding level of \$65 million for the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse grant program.

Water recycling is critical for communities throughout the arid West to ensure a safe and sustainable supply of water and the Title XVI program is a key funding tool for communities implementing recycling projects. Title XVI is a highly successful federal cost-share program that since 1992 has invested \$692 million in direct spending while leveraging at least an additional \$2.07 billion of local investment to provide a sustainable long-term reliable supply of water for residents and businesses.

Currently, seventeen communities in Arizona, California, Kansas, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas facing serious water supply challenges have been approved by Congress to receive nearly \$270 million in Title XVI funding to help them complete important water recycling projects. In addition to these authorized projects, 41 newly approved water reuse projects are also eligible for Title XVI funding due to program revisions Congress enacted in the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act.

The significant and growing demand for water reuse underscores the importance of continued and increased federal support for water recycling. Therefore, we urge Congress

to fund Title XVI, the only federal program specifically designed to support municipal water reuse and recycling projects, at the House proposed level of \$65 million for FY19.

Sincerely,



Patricia Sinicropi  
Executive Director  
WaterReuse Association

Cc: Sens. Lamar Alexander, John Boozman, Steve Daines, James Lankford, Dianne Feinstein, Brian Schatz, and Chris Murphy; Reps. Mike Simpson, John Carter, Ken Calvert, Jeff Fortenberry, Charles Fleischmann, Jaime Herrera Beutler, Scott Taylor, Marcy Kaptur, Peter Visclosky, Tim Ryan, and Debbie Wasserman Schultz

