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March 19, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader McConnell, and Leader Schumer:

We write today in support of using the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI-WIIN Water Reclamation and Reuse Program as a vehicle for stimulating economic activity and job growth in communities across the West.

The WaterReuse Association is a not-for-profit trade association for water utilities, businesses, industrial and commercial enterprises, non-profit organizations, and research entities that engage in and on water recycling. WaterReuse and its state and regional sections represent more than 200 water utilities serving over 60 million customers, and over 300 businesses and organizations across the country. We strongly support policies and programs that advance water recycling as a tool for enhanced water resources management.

Water projects funded through the Title XVI program have been used to increase the supply of drinking water, restore sensitive ecosystems, generate sustainable irrigation water, and help industries expand, among other regionally important purposes. The program 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.

Since the Title XVI program's inception in 1992, Congress has authorized 53 Title XVI recycling projects producing more than 400,000 acre-feet of drought-resistant water supply. To date, Congress has appropriated nearly \$700 million in federal funding, which has been leveraged with non-federal funding to implement more than \$3.3 billion in water reuse improvements – a nearly 5:1 leverage ratio.

Due to the popularity of Title XVI-WIIN, the program now has a large and growing backlog of 56 eligible projects totaling more than \$700 million in eligible federal cost-share. **These infrastructure development projects are shovel-ready, and will generate significant increases in local economic activity and job growth.** As you

work together to build an investment package to stimulate the economy in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, we urge you to consider the Title XVI-WIIN Program as a launching pad for major, shovel-ready infrastructure projects. Thank you for considering out views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pat. Sinicropi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patricia Sinicropi  
Executive Director

Cc:

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
The Honorable Nita Lowey  
The Honorable Kay Granger  
The Honorable Richard Shelby  
The Honorable Pat Leahy  
The Honorable Raúl Grijalva  
The Honorable Rob Bishop  
The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
The Honorable Joe Manchin

