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The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Napolitano:

We write today to thank you for advancing water recycling and to express our support for the Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act (H.R. 1015). 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.

As you know, Title XVI is the only active federal program with a focus on water recycling. 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 and create jobs, 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.

Due to the popularity of Title XVI-WIIN, the program now has a large and growing backlog of dozens of eligible projects totaling more than \$700 million in eligible federal cost-share. This list will only grow as more projects become eligible. H.R. 1015 begins to address this problem by reauthorizing and increasing the authorized funding level for Title XVI-WIIN.

We applaud you for your vision and your efforts in addressing critical water resource challenges, and we look forward to working with you to reauthorize the Title XVI-WIIN program as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Patricia Sinicropi
Executive Director