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The Honorable [NAME OF MEMBER/S OF CONGRESS]

[United States House of Representatives OR United States Senate]

Dear [REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR LAST NAME],

As you work to develop and pass a major infrastructure investment package by year’s end, [ENTITY NAME] urges you to invest in water recycling and related federal programs to modernize our nation’s infrastructure, help communities build climate resilience, and stimulate economic recovery. By investing in federal water recycling programs now, Congress can give communities and businesses the tools and resources they need to grow jobs and prepare for the future.

Water reuse, also known as water recycling, is the process of intentionally capturing wastewater, stormwater, saltwater or graywater and cleaning it as needed for a designated beneficial freshwater purpose, such as drinking, industrial processes, groundwater replenishment, and watershed restoration. The fundamental principle of water reuse is using the right water for the right purpose, everywhere and all the time. By advancing water reuse, we protect and enhance the environment while helping communities build resilience to drought, flooding, and other impacts of climate change.

Across the country, water, wastewater, and stormwater managers have shown that water recycling can be a central feature in innovative, integrated approaches to solving water management challenges. [INSERT INFORMATION ABOUT HOW WATER REYCLCING IS MAKING / CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY AND/OR BUSINESS].

In order to build a modern, resilient, and equitable water infrastructure that can sustain local economies, ensure job creation and address climate change challenges, [ENTITY NAME] urges Congress to use upcoming infrastructure legislation to invest $100 million per year in mandatory funding in each of the following programs:

* **Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants (33 U.S.C. 1300)**

The Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to make competitive grants to state, interstate, and intrastate water resource development agencies to engineer, design, construct, and test alternative water source systems, including water reuse systems. The program will ensure that communities in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico can access water recycling tools to solve local water challenges.

* **Title XVI-WIIN Water Reclamation and Reuse Competitive Grants Program (Section 4009(c) of Public Law 114-322)**

The Bureau of Reclamation’s Title XVI program is the only active federal program dedicated to advancing water recycling. Through Title XVI-WIIN, the Bureau provides competitive grants to communities in the 17 Western states to support projects that increase drinking water supply, restore sensitive ecosystems, generate sustainable irrigation water, and help industries expand and create jobs, among other regionally important purposes. Title XVI-WIIN has a large and growing backlog of dozens of eligible projects totaling more than $700 million in eligible federal cost-share.

Investment in water reuse builds communities that are modern, sustainable and stable—ready for families to flourish and businesses to grow. We urge Congress to act swiftly to help communities modernize their infrastructure and protect public health and the environment. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME, TITLE, AND AFFILIATION]