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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 FY 2024 appropriations legislation, [ENTITY NAME] urges you to invest in water recycling and related federal programs to help communities protect water quality, build sustainable supplies, and support thriving local economies. By investing in federal water recycling programs now, Congress can give communities the tools and resources they need to prepare for and manage the impacts of climate change, including drought, aquifer depletion, flooding, and land subsidence.

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.

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 and address water supply and water quality challenges, [ENTITY NAME] urges Congress to meet the President’s Budget Request of $25 million for the Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants (33 U.S.C. 1300) in FY 2024.

The Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants is a competitive grants program through which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would provide cost share 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.

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]