

July 17, 2024

Dear Representative ( )::

The House Appropriations bill that imposes drastic cuts in funding for water infrastructure would be devastating to clean water projects in our state and we urge you to oppose this measure when it comes up for a vote in the House.

As you may be aware, Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs) are the main source of financing for vital water infrastructure projects across the country. By providing low-cost loans and grants, SRFs have facilitated vital investment in drinking water, wastewater and stormwater projects.

However, on July 9, the House Appropriations Committee approved the FY25 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act which reduces funding for SRFs by \$1.7 billion. Moreover, by continuing to utilize earmarks, Congress has reduced funding for SRFs by nearly \$4 billion over the past three fiscal years.

Reducing this funding jeopardizes essential water projects that are critical to our health, safety and quality of life.

Therefore, we urge you to oppose the Appropriations bill in its current form and request that you advocate for Congress to make the necessary investment in vital water infrastructure projects.

Thank you for your attention to this request and please feel free to contact me regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,