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The Honorable Mike Simpson  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James P. Moran  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
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**RE: Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations – EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Moran:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing to request your support for increased funding for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) in the FY 2013 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

Specifically, we urge you to appropriate at least \$1.47 billion for the CWSRF and \$919 million for the DWSRF which will return the programs to current funding levels.

As you know, the Administration has requested only \$1.18 billion in its FY'13 budget for the CWSRF, which represents a cut of nearly 20 percent from the current year. The continued downward trend in CWSRF funding threatens to jeopardize the federal government's critical role in assisting states and local governments to address federal water quality mandates.

Similarly, the Administration's FY '13 proposal for the DWSRF is \$850 million, a cut of \$69 million, or approximately 7 percent as compared to FY '12. The persistent reductions over time continue to chip away at the federal-state-local partnership that has ensured that all Americans have clean and safe water regardless of which community they live in or work.

The need for increased investment in our nation's 16,000 sewer and wastewater systems is tremendous and has been well documented. In January 2008, EPA reported that the capital investment need for publicly-owned water infrastructure projects is \$298.1 billion over a 20-year period to keep the nation's wastewater systems and sewer overflow projects in service. In its last estimate, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) concluded in 2002 that the needs would be \$13 billion annually for wastewater systems over the next 20 years.

