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April 8, 2016

The Honorable Benjamin Cardin
509 Hart Senate Office Building
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cardin:

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) strongly supports your efforts to increase investment in clean water infrastructure through S. 2583, the *FUND Water Act*. NACWA represents nearly 300 public wastewater utilities of all sizes across the nation that are at the forefront of working to provide safe, clean, and reliable water resources to communities.

S. 2583, the *FUND Water Act*, is critical to addressing the enormous water infrastructure investment gap that is plaguing communities nationwide. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates over \$270 billion will be needed over the next twenty years for investment in clean water infrastructure – far more than what communities can afford to finance on their own. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) has been a key financing mechanism for communities to invest in their water infrastructure, providing over \$100 billion since its establishment in the eighties and is the only program providing low-cost loans to any size community to help meet obligations under the Clean Water Act. Yet funding for the CWSRF is continually being threatened by budget cuts, including in the FY 2017 Budget Proposal requesting a \$414 million cut which NACWA urges Congress to soundly reject.

In addition to the challenges of replacing and upgrading old infrastructure, clean water agencies are also facing increasing regulatory requirements and enforcement decrees that require implementation of new systems and technologies that further increase investment needs. As communities face mounting investment challenges, it is critical that the federal government maintain support for clean water infrastructure. S. 2583, which triples the amount authorized to the SRFs, is essential to re-establishing the federal partnership with communities in ensuring clean and safe water is available to all Americans.

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The *FUND Water Act* is a critical and timely response to the growing urgency of addressing the nation's enormous water infrastructure challenges. NACWA strongly supports S. 2583 and thanks you for your leadership in working on behalf of the nation's safe and clean water resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Krantz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Adam Krantz
CEO