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The Honorable [XX]
United States Senate (or United States House of Representatives)
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator/Representative [XX],

On behalf of [utility XXX], I am writing to strongly urge you to support robust federal funding for critical clean water programs in the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) appropriations process—most notably the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.

Our utility provides essential public sewer and stormwater services to [###] residents and businesses across the region. Maintaining these vital services requires continuous investment and a dedicated workforce focused on protecting public health and the environment and spurring local and national economic growth.

The Clean Water SRF is the cornerstone federal financing mechanism that clean water utilities can leverage as they work to meet Clean Water Act obligations and modernize their infrastructure in a cost-effective manner. For example, [share how the CWSRF has specifically helped your utility/local community or region with critical infrastructure projects and compliance measures].

WIFIA is a valuable complement to the Clean Water SRF by providing low-cost federal loans to water projects of regional and national significance. These loans have resulted in millions of dollars in savings to borrowers and ratepayers and have created hundreds of thousands of jobs. For example, [if applicable, share how the WIFIA program has specifically helped your utility/local community or region with critical infrastructure projects, savings for ratepayers, and/or created jobs].

Unfortunately, the President’s FY26 budget proposal includes a devastating 90% cut to the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRFs, slashing annual funding from $2.76 billion in FY25 to just $305 million for FY26. Further, the WIFIA program was similarly proposed for cuts to just$8 million in administrative funding, a decrease of approximately $64.6 million. These dramatic reductions would severely undermine our nation’s ability to support urgently needed water infrastructure investments at a time of rising costs. If enacted, utilities across [state] would have more limited financing options and be forced to rely on more expensive alternatives, increasing the cost of service for water ratepayers.

At a time when communities are already facing rising construction and operational costs, workforce shortages, and the need to comply with new federal and state water quality mandates, now is the time to reinvest in—not retreat from—federal support for clean water.

We respectfully request that you reject the proposed cuts and work to fund the Clean Water SRF at its fully authorized amount of $3.25 billion in FY26, WIFIA at $75.6 million and SWIFIA at $5 million. Through strong investments into these programs, we can ensure that communities like ours can continue the vital work of protecting water quality and supporting long-term public health and economic vitality.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and invite you to visit [utility XXX] to see the important work being done every day the next time you are in the [district/state/region].

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Title]
[Utility XXX]