

July 25, 2025

The Honorable Eric Sorenson
United States House of Representatives
1523 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rob Bresnahan, Jr.
United States House of Representatives
1133 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sorenson and Representative Bresnahan,

As representatives of local governments and the American water sector, we are writing to thank you for introducing the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Establishment Act. Your leadership on this critical issue demonstrates a strong commitment to public health, economic fairness, and the ability to access clean water.

Over one-third of Americans struggle to pay their water bills,¹ and rising costs—fueled by aging infrastructure, expanding regulatory mandates, and growing repair needs—are only making this problem worse. By creating a permanent, federally funded water assistance program, your bill offers a lifeline to vulnerable households and ensures families aren’t forced to choose between water and other basic needs.

The success of the temporary LIHWAP program was undeniable—assisting 1.5 million households, preventing more than 900,000 disconnections, and restoring essential services for over 100,000 families.² Making this program permanent will help prevent health inequities, support struggling families, and provide stability for local water and wastewater systems as they plan future infrastructure investments.

Thank you again for introducing the LIHWAP Establishment Act. We are proud to support this important legislation, and we are deeply grateful for your dedication to improving lives and protecting access to clean and affordable water.

Sincerely,

American Water Works Association
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
National Association of Counties
National Association of Water
National League of Cities
Rural Community Assistance Partnership
The U.S. Conference of Mayors
Water Environment Federation

¹ <https://www.awwa.org/Policy-Advocacy/Communications-Outreach/Value-of-Water>

² https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocs/DRAFT_LIHWAP-Implementation-Final-Report.pdf