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Dear **[elected official]**:

As a water utility striving to provide safe and affordable drinking water to our customers, **[utility name]** urges you to support robust funding for the infrastructure programs that utilities around the country rely on. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) programs offer critical financing to the water sector and play an important role in protecting public health, the economy, and our country's national security.

The DWSRF and CWSRF empower states and local communities by providing funds that can be tailored to their specific needs. By offering low-cost financing with flexible terms, the SRFs give communities of all sizes the opportunity to build safe and reliable water infrastructure – an opportunity they may not otherwise have without the program.

SRF funds are allocated to states based on information collected through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment (DWINSAs) and Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS). States then distribute the funds to water systems for high priority projects that achieve the health protection objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act and water quality objectives of the Clean Water Act.

The WIFIA program complements the SRFs by providing credit assistance for larger, more capital-intensive projects. WIFIA offers low-cost, long-term loans that can be combined with other sources of funding to help accelerate water infrastructure investment. The competitive program covers the credit subsidy for loans to creditworthy entities. Because the average water utility has a strong credit rating and a low risk of default, every dollar appropriated to WIFIA by the federal government supports up to \$100 in infrastructure investment. WIFIA loans are then repaid to the U.S. Treasury, ensuring that the total cost to the federal government is minimal.

EPA's latest DWINSAs and CWNS estimate that drinking water and wastewater utilities will need to invest nearly \$1.3 trillion over the next 20 years to repair, replace, and expand the nation's water infrastructure. All of these programs play an integral role in helping utilities meet that need while managing rising costs and growing affordability concerns.

As you consider funding priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, **[utility name]** requests that you provide at least \$3.25 billion for both the DWSRF and CWSRF, the maximum amount authorized, and at least \$72 million for WIFIA, the amount provided in FY 2025.