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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito Chairman Committee on Environment and Public Works United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse Ranking Member Committee on Environment and Public Works United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Capito and Ranking Member Whitehouse,

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) is pleased to express its strong support for President Trump's nomination of Jessica Kramer to serve as Assistant Administrator of the Office of Water at the Environmental Protection Agency.

AMWA is an organization of the nation's largest publicly owned drinking water systems, whose members provide clean and safe drinking water to more than 160 million Americans from coast to coast. AMWA frequently provides constructive input and comments as EPA develops policies, guidance, and regulations affecting the nation's drinking water systems, and we believe that Ms. Kramer is extremely well-suited to lead the Office of Water.

Ms. Kramer has a clear track record of working collaboratively with stakeholders in the water community to achieve results that advance the Office of Water's mission of ensuring safe and clean drinking water that protects public health and promotes economic activity. AMWA had the benefit of working closely with Ms. Kramer when she was a staff member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, where she played a leading role in developing the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021. This landmark legislation authorized and reauthorized a suite of critical water infrastructure programs at EPA, and was strengthened by Ms. Kramer's willingness to listen to the suggestions offered by AMWA and other stakeholders in the water community.

Ms. Kramer also holds a keen understanding of the variety of challenges that contribute to the water affordability crisis, and as Assistant Administrator for Water will be well-positioned to ensure that EPA policies to not exacerbate these issues. For instance, Ms. Kramer is well-versed in the complicated nature of removing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from water supplies,

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and then properly disposing of treatment residuals. AMWA is confident that EPA will benefit from having her perspective in the Office of Water as the agency works to address these complex issues.

Again, AMWA strongly supports the nomination of Jessica Kramer to serve as EPA's Assistant Administrator of the Office of Water. Her experience, policy knowledge, and relationships in the water sector will be an asset to the entire agency. We urge the Committee to favorably report her nomination, and we support her confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

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