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The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment and
Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and
Public Works
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) writes today in support of President Biden’s nomination of Radhika Fox to serve as Assistant Administrator for Water at the Environmental Protection Agency.

AMWA is an organization of the nation’s largest publicly owned drinking water systems, which collectively serve more than 156 million Americans from coast to coast with quality drinking water. We frequently provide constructive input and comment as EPA develops policies and regulations affecting the nation’s drinking water systems, and we believe that Radhika has the skills and experience necessary to successfully lead the Office of Water.

Radhika has a strong track record of bringing various water sector stakeholders and advocacy organizations together to develop cooperative initiatives and policy solutions that help promote a sustainable water future for all Americans. Notably, she spent nearly six years as CEO of the US Water Alliance, an organization dedicated to finding workable solutions to the nation’s most significant water challenges. Prior to that she was Director of Policy and Government Affairs at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, instilling within her the knowledge of local utility operations and challenges necessary to succeed in a regulatory role. Through this range of experience, Radhika is able to understand the importance of locally tailored water policy solutions that reflect the unique needs of local communities.

Earlier this year, Radhika was President Biden’s day-one appointee to be Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water. In this capacity she has served as Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, and Radhika has continued to carry out the productive dialogue and engagement with water sector stakeholders that have been a staple of her career.

Again, AMWA strongly supports the nomination of Radhika Fox to serve as Assistant Administrator for Water. Her combination of experience, expertise and relationships will position

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her to succeed in this important role. We hope she earns the support of this committee and is quickly confirmed by the full Senate.

Sincerely,



Diane VanDe Hei
Chief Executive Officer