



July 28, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer,

As work continues to develop legislation based upon the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) strongly urges you to ensure that any final agreement includes meaningful new investments in a wide range of drinking water infrastructure, consistent with the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act (S. 914), or DWWIA, as approved by the Senate this spring.

DWWIA passed the Senate in April by an overwhelming margin of 89-2. It carried critical reauthorizations of programs such as the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, as well as authorizations for new programs to help water and wastewater systems confront the effects of climate change and extreme weather, among other important priorities. The bipartisan infrastructure framework provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to fully fund these consensus priorities, so we strongly urge the inclusion of the entire DWWIA package in the final infrastructure legislation.

Legislation to implement the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework also provides an opportunity to help drinking water systems carry out other projects that will benefit public health, such as through funding to remove PFAS from water supplies and to make additional progress in the removal of public and privately owned lead service lines. Strong funding for each of these efforts should also be part of the final framework legislation but should not come at the expense of fully appropriating the authorizations included within DWWIA.

Again, AMWA commends you for advancing efforts to develop legislation to implement the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework. We encourage you to finish the job in a way that meaningfully increases investment in the nation's drinking water infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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