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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Capito and Ranking Member Whitehouse,

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) is pleased to express its support for the Water Resources Development Act of 2026, particularly the provisions included in the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure titles. This legislation reauthorizes a host of critical water infrastructure programs, while also undertaking new initiatives that will help water systems address challenges in the years ahead.

AMWA has signed multiple coalition letters delivered to the committee that highlight the importance of reauthorizing and providing sufficient funding for programs like the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF), the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program, and other grant opportunities. We are pleased to see increased authorized funding levels for both the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF programs, which will help address the significant gap in investments needed to maintain and improve our nation's water infrastructure.

We are also glad to see that the legislation reauthorizes two expiring grant programs that AMWA helped establish, the Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability grant program and the Reducing Lead in Drinking Water grant program. AMWA spearheaded efforts to establish the resilience program in 2021, based on the success of the original program, which provided resilience funding to small drinking water systems. This program is essential for helping drinking water systems prepare their infrastructure to withstand the effects of changing hydrological conditions, mitigate impact of floods or drought, and

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strengthen defenses against cyber threats. AMWA appreciates that the committee recognizes that extreme weather will pose challenges to water systems of all sizes and that proactive investments are needed to adapt.

Likewise, AMWA applauds the reauthorization of the Reducing Lead in Drinking Water grant program, which AMWA helped create in 2016 to provide drinking water systems with another avenue to fund lead service line replacement efforts. This assistance will be essential as water systems work to replace lead service lines by the 2037 deadline imposed by the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements.

Finally, the inclusion of the Water Intelligence, Security, and Cyber Threat Protection Act—an AMWA-led bill—represents an important step toward ensuring that water systems have access to cybersecurity resources, like the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC). The program established by this provision will expand access to WaterISAC to include more of the nation's water systems, raising the sector's baseline level of preparedness by providing more utility managers with the tools they need to withstand natural, physical, and cyber threats.

AMWA thanks the committee for its leadership and collaboration with water systems in drafting this legislation and making meaningful investments in our nation's drinking water. We look forward to its passage and hope to continue to work with you to address the range of challenges facing the nation's water systems.

Sincerely,



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