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The Honorable John Garamendi
2004 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Garamendi:

On behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA), we are happy to express our support for H.R. 1181, your legislation to extend the maximum term for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued to states and municipalities to up to ten years.

AMWA believes this legislation will make it easier for large drinking water systems to advance water reuse and recycling projects. Due to delays related to supply chain challenges, project construction schedules for these projects may take longer than anticipated. Therefore, by extending the maximum NPDES permit term for these projects from five to ten years, drinking water systems will have a better opportunity to complete needed infrastructure upgrades before having to renew these permits. Additionally, easing the completion of these projects will help address climate change and drought challenges that many of our member utilities are facing as a result.

Again, AMWA is proud to support H.R.1181 and we stand behind this necessary legislation to help drinking water systems complete critical projects in a time and cost-efficient manner. We thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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