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The Honorable Jared Huffman  
2445 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Huffman:

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) is happy to express its support for the “Water Rebate Tax Parity Act.” This legislation will boost participation in utility-backed residential water efficiency and conservation programs by exempting program rebates from federal taxation.

AMWA believes this legislation will help support AMWA’s goals of water conservation and efficiency. Currently, water utility customers who receive more than \$600 worth of rebates in a single year could owe federal taxes on the balance. Yet, energy conservation rebates offered by electric utilities are already tax exempt from federal taxation. Therefore, it is essential that any water efficiency rebates offered to customers by water utilities should also be tax-free. To advance climate smart policies, incentives like tax free conservation rebates are a great way to ensure customers are not penalized through taxes for practicing water conservation and efficiency.

Again, AMWA is proud to support the “Water Rebate and Tax Parity Act” and we stand behind this necessary legislation to support customers of drinking water systems practice water conservation efficiency through federal tax-free rebates. We thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Thomas Dobbins  
Chief Executive Officer

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