



April 11, 2025

The Honorable Rick Crawford  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2422 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for the introduction of the Water Risk and Resilience Organization (WRRO) Establishment Act

Dear Representative Crawford,

The American Water Works Association (AWWA), Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA), and National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) are pleased to support the introduction of the Water Risk and Resilience Organization (WRRO) Establishment Act. Our collective associations are the voice for a broad swath of the water sector, representing utilities and operators facing the daunting cybersecurity challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The water sector is unique. There are more than 50,000 community water systems and 17,500 wastewater systems throughout the country. One system may serve 3,300 customers and have just a few employees. Another may serve millions of customers and have thousands of employees. These systems have vastly different resources, risk profiles, and performance metrics. A one-size-fits-all approach to cybersecurity sets many water systems up to fail, especially those serving small and rural communities.

For this reason, we are pleased to support the WRRO Establishment Act as it would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to identify an independent, nongovernmental organization comprised of sector experts to develop minimum cybersecurity requirements for water and wastewater utilities. Through the technical knowledge and expertise in the operations of water systems, the WRRO will be well positioned to put forward responsive and well-adapted minimum risk and resilience

requirements. The work of the WRRO, in conjunction with EPA, will ultimately lead to more secure and reliable water service throughout the country.

We look forward to working with you on this legislation and efforts to protect critical infrastructure like water and wastewater utilities.

Sincerely,

American Water Works Association  
National Association of Water Companies  
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies

Cc:

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
House Energy and Commerce Committee