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Dear Senator:

The Water Infrastructure Network urges you to cosponsor S. 1593, the Water Infrastructure Security and Research Development Act - a bill introduced by Sens. Jim Jeffords, Bob Smith, Bob Graham and Mike Crapo.

The Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) is a national coalition of 40 national organizations representing local elected officials, drinking water and wastewater service providers, labor, environmentalists and engineers dedicated to preserving and protecting the health, environmental and economic gains that America's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure provides.

S. 1593, which has already been reported from committee, authorizes \$12 million per year for critical research into the security of drinking water and wastewater systems. A companion bill, H.R. 3178, has also been reported from committee in the House. The legislation will help find solutions to prevent and, if necessary, respond to terrorism by providing strategic knowledge on detecting and neutralizing biological, chemical and radiological agents and protecting the physical and cyber security of drinking water and wastewater systems. In short, S. 1593 will provide long-term solutions to protect public health and the environment from acts of terrorism.

Please support this research into water system security and cosponsor S. 1593. Thank you for your consideration.

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| American Coal Ash Association | International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO |
| American Concrete Pipe Association | Laborers' International Union of North America |
| American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association | National Association of Counties |
| American Consulting Engineers Council | National Assoc. of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies |
| American Public Works Association | National Association of Towns and Townships |
| American Society of Civil Engineers | National Association of Regional Councils |
| American Water Works Association | National Association of Sewer Service Companies |
| Associated General Contractors of America | National League of Cities |
| Associated Equipment Distributors | National Ready Mixed Concrete Association |
| Association of California Water Agencies | National Rural Water Association |
| Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies | National Society of Professional Engineers |
| Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies | National Urban Agriculture Council |
| American Portland Cement Alliance | Pipe Rehabilitation Council |
| Construction Management Association of America | Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. |
| California Rebuild America Coalition | Prestressed/Precast Concrete Institute |
| Clean Water Action | Rural Community Assistance Program, Inc. |
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| Design-Build Institute of America | Water Environment Federation |
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