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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.

Water Infrastructure Network

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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