



October 24, 2003

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski  
United States Senate  
709 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

***RE: Support for \$5.2 billion for Clean & Safe Water SRFs***

Dear Senator Mikulski:

The Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) strongly supports your \$5.2 billion amendment for the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs) in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 Veterans, Housing and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill. WIN is a broad-based coalition of 47 nationally-recognized organizations that represent local elected officials, drinking water and wastewater service providers, environmental and health administrators, engineers, labor unions, construction contractors, and environmentalists. WIN is dedicated to preserving and protecting the health, environmental, and economic gains that America's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure provides.

The SRFs help local communities meet water quality standards, repair and replace old and decaying pipelines and plants, protect public health, and ensure continued progress in restoring the health and safety of America's water bodies. This investment is a much-needed down payment to improve our nation's water and wastewater treatment plants. Your support for additional funding for the SRFs would help stimulate the economy, create jobs and provide funds for securing our water infrastructure for generations to come. WIN supports your proposed increase in federal funding in FY 2004 for the Clean Water SRF from its current level of \$1.35 billion to \$3.2 billion and for the Drinking Water SRF from \$850 million to \$2 billion. WIN believes this is an important first step toward developing a long-term, sustainable solution to close our country's infrastructure funding gap.

Safeguarding clean and safe water must remain one of our nation's highest priorities even though funding its continued improvement is one of our greatest challenges. Thank you for supporting clean and safe water in America.

Sincerely,

American Concrete Pipe Association (ACPA)  
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association (ACPPA)  
American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)  
American Public Works Association (APWA)  
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)  
American Water Works Association (AWWA)  
Associated Equipment Distributors, Inc. (AED)  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)  
Associated General Contractors of America (AGC)  
Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)  
Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA)  
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA)  
California Rebuild America Coalition (CalRAC)

Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF)  
Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA)  
Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)  
International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and  
Reinforcing Iron Workers  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers (BAC)  
International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO (IUOE)  
Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)  
National Association of Counties (NACo)  
National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA)  
National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)  
National Association of Sewer Service Companies (NAASCO)  
National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT)  
National Heavy & Highway Alliance  
National League of Cities (NLC)  
National Precast Concrete Association (NPCA)  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA)  
National Rural Water Association (NRWA)  
National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE)  
National Urban Agriculture Council (NUAC)  
Operative Plasters' and Cement Masons' International Association  
Pipe Rehabilitation Council (PRC)  
Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI)  
Portland Cement Association (PCA)  
Rural Community Assistance Program, Inc. (RCAP)  
SAVE International (SAVE)  
Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association (Uni-Bell)  
The Vinyl Institute  
Underground Contractors Association of Illinois (UCA)  
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC)  
Water Environment Federation (WEF)  
WateReuse Association (WateReuse)  
Western Coalition of Arid States (WESTCAS)