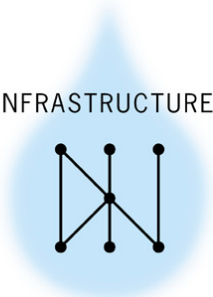


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WATER INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515



Dear Member of Congress,

The Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) urges your support for increased funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) in the fiscal year (FY) 2008 Interior, Environment & Related Agencies appropriations bill. The House approved \$1.1 billion for the CWSRF in July. Although the Senate has not yet completed action on the legislation, WIN respectfully requests that you will support increasing the CWSRF to the historic funding level of \$1.35 billion when the bill goes to conference. WIN is a broad-based coalition of organizations representing local elected officials, drinking and wastewater agencies, environmental and health administrators, engineers, labor unions, construction professionals and suppliers, and environmentalists dedicated to protecting the health, environmental, and economic gains that water and wastewater infrastructure provide.

The CWSRF helps communities meet their clean water needs, repair and replace aging infrastructure, protect public health, and ensure continued progress in restoring the nation's water bodies. For the past 35 years, the Clean Water Act has been one of our nation's most successful environmental and infrastructure programs. Yet funding for the CWSRF has dwindled since FY 2004 when Congress appropriated \$1.35 billion. In FY 2008, the Bush administration sought only \$688 million for this popular program, even as reports from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and WIN estimate the funding need for the next 20 years at \$300- \$500 billion. Currently, communities shoulder more than 95 percent of clean water costs and are struggling to pay for ongoing clean water challenges.

Your support for additional funding for the CWSRF at \$1.35 billion would help to bridge this growing clean water funding gap while stimulating the economy, creating jobs, and securing America's waters for generations to come. Just two months ago, the nation celebrated the 35th anniversary of the Clean Water Act and the resulting improvements to our nation's waters. Without a federal recommitment to clean water in the form of a long-term, sustainable funding source, that progress will be reversed.

We thank you for your support of the nation's waters and for your help in ensuring the strength and viability of the CWSRF.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Kirk".

Ken Kirk

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