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July __, 2017

The Honorable Benjamin Cardin
United States Senator
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The Honorable John Boozman
United States Senator
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The Honorable James Inhofe
United States Senator
205 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510 -3603

The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
United States Senator
524 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators:

The Alliance for Water Efficiency and the undersigned organizations would like to express our strong support for Section 104 of S. 1137, the *Clean Safe Reliable Water Infrastructure Act*, regarding the establishment of a WaterSense program. We applaud your leadership in sponsoring this important legislation.

S. 1137 would for the first time provide congressional authorization of WaterSense, the EPA's voluntary labeling program that identifies products that conserve water. EPA has operated WaterSense for over 10 years -- using the EPA Administrator's discretionary funding authority -- and it is currently on a list of programs targeted for zero funding in the President's FY18 budget. An important first step is authorizing WaterSense so that Congress may assign an appropriate funding level to maintain this vital program.

The Alliance for Water Efficiency is a stakeholder-based non-profit organization dedicated to the efficient and sustainable use of water. Our members and supporters include regional, state and local water utilities, plumbing, appliance and irrigation manufacturers, governmental planning agencies, environmental and energy advocacy organizations, water-use experts, corporations and individuals—all

of whom share a great interest in promoting the efficient and sustainable use of water in the United States and Canada.

We stand ready to assist you in the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Water Efficiency
Chicago, IL

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