

March __, 2019

The Honorable Betty McCollum, Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and
Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Joyce, Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and
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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairwoman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and
Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Udall, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and
Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

RE: SUPPORT FOR WATERSENSE® IN FISCAL YEAR 2020

Dear Chairwoman McCollum, Ranking Member Joyce, Chairwoman Murkowski, and Ranking Member Udall:

The undersigned organizations and businesses write to express our strong support for the WaterSense program at the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA). Since its inception in 2006, this voluntary public/private partnership has helped Americans save more than 3 trillion gallons of water and more than \$65 billion in water and energy bills. Additionally, the use of WaterSense labeled products has saved more than 400 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity.

Congress recognized the success and importance of WaterSense this past December by authorizing the program as part of America's Water Infrastructure and Improvement Act. That bill, signed into law by President Trump, gave WaterSense statutory status for the first time.

Yet, President Trump's proposed FY 2020 budget proposes elimination of the WaterSense program. We urge you to reject the administration's proposal and approve funding for WaterSense in FY 2020 at the current level of \$3.1 million or higher.

WaterSense works with over 2,000 business and organizational partners, with nearly 28,000 water-efficient products carrying the WaterSense label. Public and private utilities in all 50 states tailor successful water conservation programs around consumer use of WaterSense labeled products. And because of the nexus between water and energy use, the billions of gallons of water saved by WaterSense result in billions of kilowatt hours of energy that are not used to heat, pump and distribute water.

For all of these reasons, we believe that the WaterSense program is deserving of your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Water Efficiency
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