



EPA
**WaterSense: A New Law
That Still Needs Funding**

WaterSense has saved Americans more than \$46 billion on their water and energy bills in its nearly 13 years of existence as a voluntary public/private partnership at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It did that without ever being authorized by Congress.

So we were all elated when our years of effort led to congressional authorization of WaterSense as part of last year's Water Infrastructure Improvement Act. Now, WaterSense is federal law, a part of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

But despite that, President Trump is once again proposing to eliminate the WaterSense program at EPA as of October 1.

It is vital that we support congressional action to challenge the President's recommendation and fund WaterSense.

Before it became a law last year, WaterSense was paid for from discretionary funds belonging to the EPA administrator. This was done by both Republican and Democrat administrations in support of the important work done by WaterSense.

That was, until President Trump took office in 2017. For the past two years, the president's budget has directed that no money be spent on WaterSense.

Undeterred, we and our allies in the water conservation community—including utilities, plumbing manufacturers, irrigation organizations and conservation organizations—were able to rally congressional support. As a result, the fiscal 2018 and 2019 appropriations for EPA included instructions directing the administrator to continue the WaterSense program through September 30, 2019, when the current fiscal year ends.



Now, President Trump's latest budget would once again eliminate WaterSense as of the new fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.



We must again convince Congress to continue this vital program.

It will only take about \$3 million to operate WaterSense at EPA next year. We must be sure that key lawmakers, particularly members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, understand that the return on this small investment is vital to conserving billions of dollars in water and energy savings.

But we need money.

Our legislative action team is already at work contacting lawmakers, educating them on the success of WaterSense and the significance of continuing this public/private partnership. But we must ensure we have the money to continue paying for these vital efforts.

And we need your help.

Lawmakers respond best to grassroots communications from their constituents.

We need you to:

- **Contact your senators and representatives.**
- **Tell them how important it is that Congress fund Watersense.**

A list of the members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees is attached. Members of the subcommittees that considers funding for EPA are indicated.



**If you'd like to sign onto a master letter from the Alliance for Water Efficiency, contact:
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These are the subcommittees that review the EPA budget.

House Appropriations Committee

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- [Pete Visclosky](#), Indiana
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Senate Appropriations Committee

REPUBLICANS

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- [Tammy Baldwin](#), Wisconsin
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- [Chris Van Hollen](#), Maryland

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- Indicates the chairs and ranking members of those subcommittees