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The Honorable Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned members of the Clean Water Council urge you to increase your Fiscal Year 1994 Budget request for the Environmental Protection Agency's State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) by \$845 million, the amount originally included in the FY 1993 economic stimulus package. The FY 1994 request of \$1.2 billion for the Clean Water SRF is inadequate and would severely jeopardize the financial integrity of state revolving loan funds for wastewater construction. A combined request of \$2.0 billion for FY 1994 would at least maintain the SRF Program at current funding levels.

Council members are also concerned that the investment portion of the EPA's FY 1994 Budget request, which includes the entire water program, will be cut by congressional appropriators who must balance your budget request with spending caps contained in the 1990 Budget Agreement. We ask that you send a clear message to Capitol Hill that EPA's water infrastructure programs must be maintained.

As you may recall from our previous correspondence, a minimum of \$5 billion annually is needed to meet existing wastewater pollution control requirements. The nation's environmental infrastructure is a vital investment in the future. This is an area where business interests and environmental groups strongly agree. Your attention to this potentially devastating situation is needed.

Sincerely,

American Concrete Pipe Association
Associated Equipment Distributors
Assoc. of State & Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators
Construction Industry Manufacturers Association
National Constructors Association
National Utility Contractors Association
Parsons Brinckerhoff
Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association

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July 12, 1993

Dear:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the funding for the clean water and drinking water State Revolving Funds (SRFs). I apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, Congress failed to approve the President's proposal to provide an additional \$845.3 million in funding for the clean water SRF program to supplement the \$1.928 billion already appropriated in FY 1993. This supplemental funding was intended to speed construction and rehabilitation of needed wastewater treatment projects and the creation of jobs. There have been further efforts to provide a smaller amount of supplemental FY 1993 funds.

The President remains committed to providing funding for the clean water and drinking water SRF programs. We are working with Congress to provide the necessary authorizing language. The President's proposal, which Congress is now considering, includes a request for \$1.2 billion in funding for FY 1994 for the clean water SRF and \$2 billion annually for FYs 1995 through 1997. For the drinking water SRF, the proposal includes a request for \$599 million for FY 1994 and \$1 billion annually for FYs 1995 through 1997. The President has also requested additional funding authority for the Rural Development Administration (RDA) for construction of local drinking water and wastewater project. The proposal includes RDA grant funding of \$2.4 billion and loan funding of 3.9 billion for FYs 1994 through 1997.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

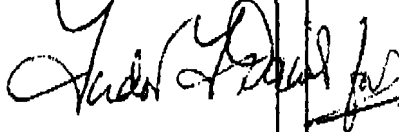
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I look forward to the continued support of the National Conference of State Legislatures in our efforts to ensure adequate funding for the nation's clean water infrastructure. If you would like to discuss these matters further, please contact me or have your staff call Michael B. Cook, Director, Office of Wastewater Enforcement and Compliance, at (202) 260-5850.

Sincerely yours,



Martha G. Prothro
Acting Assistant Administrator



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JUN 25 1993

OFFICE OF
WATER

Mr. Art Hamilton
President, National Conference of
State Legislatures
444 North Capitol Street, N.W.
Suite 515
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Thank you for your letter of May 13, 1993, to Carol M. Browner, Administrator, regarding funding for the clean water and drinking water State Revolving Funds (SRFs). The Administrator has asked me to reply.

Congress failed to approve the President's proposal to provide an additional \$845.3 million in funding for the clean water SRF program to supplement the \$1.928 billion already appropriated in Fiscal Year (FY) 1993. This supplemental funding was intended to speed construction and rehabilitation of needed wastewater treatment projects and the creation of jobs. There have been further efforts to provide a smaller amount of supplemental FY 1993 funds.

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May 5, 1993

The Honorable Albert Gore
Office of the Vice President
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President,

We are deeply concerned about the potential for severe cuts in the Administration's proposed water infrastructure financing budget, including the potential loss of the \$845 million for wastewater infrastructure and the \$47 million for watershed restoration in the stimulus legislation. We urge you and the President to make funding of the entire water infrastructure package a very high environmental and economic priority. This includes full funding for the Water Quality State Revolving Fund, the proposed Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and watershed restoration funding.

As Administrator Browner pointed out during her budget briefing, the \$845 million is actually 1994 funds that the administration moved into the stimulus package for 1993 to accelerate the creation of jobs. Unless the President puts these funds into another jobs bill for 1993 or back into his 1994 budget for the Environmental Protection Agency, the construction jobs these funds will provide will be lost and public health and water quality needs will go unmet.

Moreover, the President's investment proposals may be subject to cuts when Congress develops its 13 appropriations bills over the next few weeks. It is our understanding that the overall budget is \$8 billion over the discretionary spending cap for 1994 contained in the Budget Enforcement Act. Because the investment package contains the entire water infrastructure financing proposal, we are doubly concerned. Cuts in this proposal will only exacerbate the loss in jobs, and the loss of environmental and public health protection resulting from the potential loss of the stimulus funds.

We appreciate and support your initiative in proposing the badly needed drinking water fund, the accelerated obligation of 1994 water quality SRF dollars and watershed restoration funding. However, these proposals and the economic and environmental benefits they provide are at risk of being lost unless the administration is able to persuade Congress to fund the entire \$2.9723 billion package as described by the Administrator in her budget briefing. In addition, it is critical that funding for the water infrastructure financing not come at the expense of EPA's already thinly stretched operating programs, which have already received reductions in your proposed budget.

We urge you and the President to work to have Congress fully fund the administration's water infrastructure financing proposal and the watershed restoration grants. Whether the stimulus funds are appropriated in 1993 or 1994 is of little practical difference at this point in terms of public health and environmental protection. It is vital

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cc: Ms. Katie McGinty, Special Assistant to the President for the Environment



ASSOCIATION OF STATE DRINKING WATER ADMINISTRATORS

1911 NORTH FORT MYER DRIVE · ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22209 (703) 524-2428

VIA FAX: June 16, 1993

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Request for further support for the drinking water state revolving fund

Dear President Clinton:

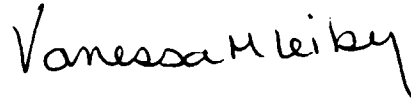
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I am also writing to inform you of ASDWA's concerns regarding the serious hurdles that remain in gaining passage of crucial legislation to authorize a drinking water SRF. The two House bills that would authorize this program are: HR 1701, originating from the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; and HR 1865, originating from the House Public Works and Transportation Committee. Both bills have been reported out of committee, but they have become mired in jurisdictional disputes between the two House committees. Meanwhile, the House Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies has approved a FY-94 appropriation of \$599 million for this program, but without authorizing legislation these funds will be redirected.

ASDWA believes that it is time to redouble our efforts to show Congress that the drinking water SRF program has the shared support of states, environmentalists, and the water industry. ASDWA hopes that your administration will join with its state partners in calling on Congress to resolve its jurisdictional disputes and pass the legislation necessary to allow the use of the drinking water SRF appropriations. In the absence of a clear declaration to Congress about the importance of funding drinking water construction, it is entirely possible that the drinking water SRF will fall victim to the intense budget cutting forces at work on the Hill.

I appreciate this opportunity to share ASDWA's concerns with you. If you have any questions regarding our activities in this area, please call me at (703) 524-2428.

Sincerely,

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Vanessa M. Leiby
Executive Director

cc: Kate McGinty, Office of the President



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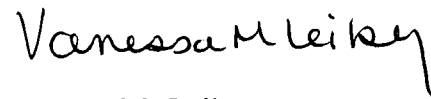
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cc: ~~Mike Nelson~~, Office of the Vice-President

Katie McGinty, OEP

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

OUTGOING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 19, 1993

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DERY BENNETT

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY, ET AL
URGES THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE FUNDING OF HIS
ENTIRE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE A VERY
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COMMENTS: THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES FULL FUNDING FOR THE
WATER QUALITY STATE REVOLVING FUND, YOUR
PROPOSED DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND
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ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS: MEDIA:L INDIVIDUAL CODES: _____

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May 5, 1993

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Suzanna Wang
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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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