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The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

On behalf of the American Public Works Association (APWA) and our more than 30,000 members, I am writing to thank you for your inclusion of S. 2364, the Securing Required Funds for Water Infrastructure Now (SRF WIN) Act of 2017, in the final manager's amendment for S. 2800 America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018. APWA is appreciative of your efforts to pass this important bipartisan legislation as a vehicle to address water infrastructure issues.

The SRF WIN Act will help communities across our nation maintain and enhance their water infrastructure by providing much needed financial support. The legislation provides dedicated federal funding, directly to states, allowing our nation's communities to finance essential water infrastructure projects. By applying the leveraging component of the Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (WIFIA) program directly to the state-administered State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs, SRF WIN has combined the best elements of both programs. Additionally, by providing funding directly to state financing authorities, as prescribed in WIFIA, the legislation has streamlined the application process, allowing states to bundle projects from their intended use plan into one application. Finally, SRF WIN includes language preserving continued federal funding for the SRF Capitalization Grant program and WIFIA, ensuring that funding levels for those programs will not decrease.

APWA is immensely supportive of the work you and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee have done to address the issues surrounding water infrastructure in our country. Specifically, we are pleased to see inclusion of the following provisions in S. 2800:

- Study on WIFIA implementation impediments (Sec. 1028);
- Local government water management plans (Sec. 1042);
- Stormwater infrastructure funding task force (Sec. 5001);
- Reauthorization of the WIFIA program (Sec. 5002);

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- Water infrastructure flexibility (Sec. 5006);
- Study on intractable water systems (Sec. 5008);
- Water infrastructure and workforce investment (Sec. 5010);
- Sense of Congress relating to State Revolving Funds (Sec. 5011); and
- GAO study on WIFIA projects in small communities, rural communities, disadvantaged communities, and Tribal communities (Sec. 5012).

All these elements, combined with language enabling the Army Corps of Engineers to undertake important projects throughout the country, combine to make S. 2800 a positive step in finding solutions to our nation's water infrastructure problems.

Each day public works professionals are diligently working to protect and maintain the critical infrastructure that is so essential to protecting our health and quality of life. Because of our shared commitment, APWA looks forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on this legislation to help public works professionals meet our water infrastructure challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William 'Bo' Mills". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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