October 8, 2018

Honorable John Barrasso, MD
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: S. 3021, America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018

Dear Chairman Barrasso, Ranking Member Carper and Members of the Committee:

The Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA) represents the ranching industry in our state. Wyoming is a headwater state for several primary U.S. water systems. However, Wyoming is also a very dry state. Water infrastructure that assures adequate supplies for irrigation, livestock water and domestic use is critical to our members.

WSGA is pleased to offer our support to S. 3021. This very comprehensive legislation focuses on assuring efficient operation and maintenance of water infrastructure while enhancing the opportunity for cooperation and collaboration with local governments and water users.

In particular, WSGA strongly supports the provision in Section 4310 that would assist in ensuring that the State of Wyoming can proceed with the necessary modification to the Fontenelle Dam to allow for full use of the available water supply. Timely approval of this effort is critical to enabling the state to meet water development goals established by our Governor Mead.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to offer our support to this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Jim Magagna
Executive Vice President