

United States Senate

July 19, 2021

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Leader Schumer and Chairman Carper:

We write to urge you to include at least \$200 million per year for the Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants (33 U.S.C. 1300) in upcoming infrastructure legislation. In the face of unprecedented heat and drought conditions across the Western United States, and growing water resource challenges across the entire country, we must invest now in order to build climate-resilient water infrastructure.

The Alternative Water Source Projects pilot program provides competitive grants to engineer, design, construct, and test alternative water source systems, including water recycling systems and projects that conserve, manage, reclaim, or reuse water resources.

We are facing a climate crisis, and the decisions we make now will have an environmental, economic, and social impact for generations to come. Bolstering water supply reliability and resiliency is critical for regions facing severe drought and other significant challenges, and alternative water source projects, including those for stormwater capture, groundwater recharge, and potable reuse are crucial to this effort.

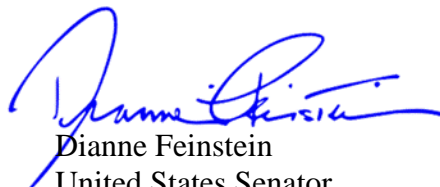
Investing in water recycling and related federal programs to modernize our nation's infrastructure is essential to stretching our limited water resources, stimulating economic recovery, ensuring safe drinking water for at-risk communities, and adapting to climate change.

We look forward to working with you on these critical issues.

Sincerely,



Alex Padilla
United States Senator



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator



Tim Kaine
United States Senator



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United States Senator



Jacky Rosen
United States Senator