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The Honorable Lamar Alexander, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Room 142, Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Room 186, Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We are writing to you on behalf of the Western Coalition of Arid States [WESTCAS] to ask for your consideration to support FY19 funding for important programs in the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation. WESTCAS is an organization of water and wastewater service providers who advocate for water resources in the Arid Southwest. We are active in both the legislative and regulatory arenas on water related issues that affect our membership. We seek to raise awareness of the unique character of arid regions that lead to the development of proposed legislation and rulemaking that support water resources.

As you work to finalize the FY19 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you continue your long-standing support for the key programs within the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation. We urge that you provide the higher of the funding amounts of the House and Senate bills for these important investments in America's water infrastructure.

Thank you for your leadership in returning the appropriations process to regular order, and we encourage that you continue in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Steve Bigley, President

The Voice of Water Quality in the Arid West

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