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The Honorable Mike Simpson, Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water and Related Agencies  
2362B Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur, Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water and Related Agencies  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Kaptur:

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 finalize the Energy and Water Appropriations bill for FY19, 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 as reflected in your version of the bill. As you work to complete action for FY19 with your Senate colleagues, 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.

***The Voice of Water Quality in the Arid West***

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In addition, we support the Committee's goal to rein in outdated, unnecessary and potentially burdensome regulations at the EPA. This effort is exemplified by the full repeal of the economically damaging "Waters of the United States" regulation.

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

Sincerely,



Steve Bigley  
President

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