The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen  
Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Energy and Water  
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen:

The Western Coalition of Arid States [WESTCAS] represents over 100 resource agencies, consulting  
engineering firms, attorneys, and other professionals who advocate for water resources in the Arid West.  
We are writing to ask for your consideration to recede to the $885,187,000 level of funding provided in the  
Senate version of the FY12 Energy and Water Appropriations bill for the Bureau’s Water and Related  
Resources account. We appreciate the fact that your bill also increased funding over the Administration  
request. But the Senate version, while still being a cut when compared to FY11 funding, provides an  
additional $80,483,000 which is desperately needed in Texas and throughout the other Bureau States.

Our members face a host of challenges in carrying out their mission including population growth, drought,  
regulatory and water allocation issues. Funding partnerships with the Bureau represent an important  
component part of our effort to secure the future. This won’t be possible unless people like you make sure  
that Bureau funding remains essentially intact during these difficult budgetary times.

WESTCAS will be expressing our strong support to our Congressional delegations and to your counterparts at  
the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Committee that the Senate funding level for the Bureau’s Water  
and Related Resources account be retained in whatever final version the bill may take. Thank you again for  
your consideration.

Sincerely,