



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: S.914, the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Padilla:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) supports S.914 the Drinking Water and Water Infrastructure Act of 2021 and appreciates your work on this bipartisan bill. Metropolitan is a regional wholesaler that provides water for 26 member public agencies to deliver - either directly or through their sub-agencies - to nearly 19 million people living in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.

S.914 authorizes more than \$35 billion for Environmental Protection Agency grant programs and revolving loan funds to support the development and maintenance of our nation's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. This bill will help water and wastewater utilities upgrade their aging infrastructure, addressing the threat of climate change, and invest in new technologies.

Metropolitan is especially appreciative of your efforts to help establish a federal program to assist low-income residents with their water bills and ensure the alternative source water program can be used for potable water recycling projects. Thank you for your leadership on these issues. It is our hope that S.914 will advance this Congress and Metropolitan stands at the ready to be a resource to you and your staff as this important legislation moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Kightlinger".

Jeffrey Kightlinger
General Manager

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein