



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

March 29, 2021

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
425 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: S. 29, the Local Water Protection Act- SUPPORT

Dear Senator Klobuchar:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is pleased to support the Local Water Protection Act, S. 29, and appreciates your leadership on this issue. Metropolitan is a regional wholesaler that provides water for 26 member 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.

This bill will help prevent non-point source pollution, including nutrients and pesticides, from entering our nation's waterways. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, more than 40 percent of all impaired waters were affected solely by nonpoint source pollution. This bill provides assistance to states for projects to reduce non-point source pollution.

Metropolitan appreciates your work to address non-point source pollution. It is our hope that the Local Water Protection Act will move forward this Congress. Please feel free to contact Abby Schneider, our Executive Legislative Representative (aschneider@mwdh2o.com), if Metropolitan can be of any assistance in advancing this legislation.

Sincerely,

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

Jeffrey Kightlinger
General Manager

cc: Senators Feinstein and Padilla