



September 29, 2015

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton:

Kohler Co. supports the language in your amendment to H.R. 8, "The North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015," authorizing the WaterSense program and urges its passage.

As you know, WaterSense is a voluntary program initiated in 2006 to encourage consumers to reduce water consumption, through the use of plumbing fixtures, faucets, and other products tested and certified by third parties, as meeting EPA criteria for efficiency and performance

Today, more than 1,500 partner organizations have produced more than 10,000 labeled products, resulting in more than \$1 billion in annual sales of WaterSense-labeled products. Many WaterSense products have been incorporated into green codes and green building rating systems in communities across the nation. Since the program's inception, WaterSense has helped consumers save a cumulative 1.1 trillion gallons of water and more than \$21.7 billion in water and energy bills.

Kohler Co. has been a partner of WaterSense from the beginning of the program, investing in the development of plumbing products that use less water while delivering performance consumers expect.

Authorizing WaterSense will help ensure that this important program endures, encouraging manufacturers to continue to invest in high-performing, water-efficient products and making them widely available to American consumers.

A leader in kitchen and bath plumbing fixtures, furniture & tile, engines & generators, and golf & resort hospitality, Kohler Co. has a long history of supporting water efficiency and sustainability in products and processes.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our support for WaterSense authorization in H.R. 8.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Reles". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Richard Reles
Vice President Leadership and Professional Development