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Chairman Frank Pallone  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
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Dear Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member Rodgers,

We commend the sponsors of the LIFT America Act for including vital funding for full lead service line replacement in the legislation.

In an effort to ensure that the language clearly provides for full lead service line replacement as intended, we suggest several small technical changes to the language for your consideration. The suggested changes are:

- Deleting “to a household, or to a property under the jurisdiction of a local educational agency” in lines 9 to 11 on page 212. Lead service lines deliver drinking water to many other types of users including child care centers and restaurants.
- Replacing “Homeowner” in the title of paragraph (B) in line 13 on page 212 with “Private owner” to be consistent with the text and avoid confusion. The term “private owner” would clarify protections for the tenants of the many small landlords. The burden of lead is already the greatest for these tenants primarily due to lead-based paint.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed language changes. You can contact me at [tneltner@edf.org](mailto:tneltner@edf.org).

Sincerely,

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