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Chairman Paul Tonko
House Committee on Energy and Commerce,
Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6115

Dear Chairman Tonko,

Thank you for highlighting the importance of a safe, clean and resilient drinking water supply for our nation.

In support of your upcoming hearing tomorrow, July 28, 2020, "There's Something in the Water: Reforming Our Nation's Drinking Water Standards", The Metropolitan District of Hartford, Connecticut (MDC) urges you to pay particular attention to the needs of municipal water and wastewater utilities, especially as it pertains to the importance of investing in the upgrading and enhancement of drinking water filtration and delivery systems to ensure both high quality standards as well as resiliency and capacity of delivery in times of public emergencies.

The Metropolitan District of Hartford, Connecticut (MDC) provides clean drinking water supply, sewage collection, treatment and disposal to approximately than 400,000 individuals in the state. MDC was created by the Connecticut General Assembly as a specially chartered municipality in 1929 to provide water and sewer services to the greater Hartford community. MDC provides serves the City of Hartford, Bloomfield, East Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windsor. MDC also supplies water to Berlin, East Granby, Farmington, Glastonbury, Manchester, New Britain, Portland, South Windsor, Unionville, and Windsor Locks.

Working to ensure full funding of all available federal programs that provide financial assistance to public water utilities, including but not limited to WIFIA, State Revolving Loan Funds (SRFs) and other targeted grant opportunities is especially critical as we look ahead to the need of an estimated \$470 Billion needed for water infrastructure improvements over the next 20 years (2018 EPA Drinking Water Needs Estimate). We ask for your support and advocacy to fully fund these programs.

The MDC would be happy to meet with you or your staff at any time to provide more information regarding our capital improvement plans as well as how we work to more efficiently (as a regional government provider of water services) deliver clean water to multiple municipalities at a lower cost. Thank you, again, for your leadership and efforts on this most important topic.

Sincerely,

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