



September 29, 2015

Congressman Robert Latta
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Latta:

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Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) strongly supports the WaterSense amendment you have introduced and included as part of the manager's amendment to the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015 (H.R. 8).

WaterSense is a voluntary partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and broadly supported by manufacturers, retailers, trade associations and local/state governments. It has grown to include over 1,600 partners, including PMI and a number of our member companies. The stakeholders work collaboratively to promote the value of water efficiency, including water-efficient plumbing products and practices. In addition, WaterSense offers a simple way for consumers to identify water-efficient plumbing products. Plumbing products that have earned the WaterSense label have been certified to be at least 20 percent more efficient than the current federal level, without sacrificing performance and have been verified by an independent, third party certification laboratory.

Installing water-efficient plumbing products is an immediate action that can be taken to save water, as well as reduce strain on water resources and infrastructure. In fact, replacing older, water-intensive plumbing with WaterSense plumbing products can save 3 billion gallons of water a day in the U.S. Under your amendment, the beneficial WaterSense program would be formally authorized, but at the same time provide Congress with direct oversight of the program.

PMI is the nation's leading industry association of plumbing product manufacturers and a WaterSense partner. Our members produce 90% of the plumbing products sold in the USA, operate facilities in over 20 states, and invest millions of dollars in water efficiency research and development each year.

PMI applauds you for introducing the WaterSense amendment and supports the swift passage of the manager's amendment to the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barbara C. Higgens'.

Barbara C. Higgens
CEO/Executive Director
Plumbing Manufacturers International