



May 24, 2021

The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester  
1724 Longworth House Office Building  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Katko  
2428 Rayburn House Office Building  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Support for H.R. 3293, the Low-Income Water Customer Assistance Programs Act of 2021**

Dear Representatives Blunt Rochester and Katko,

On behalf of the US Water Alliance and its members, I am writing to thank you for introducing H.R. 3293, the Low-Income Water Customer Assistance Programs Act of 2021 and to offer the Alliance's formal support for this legislation that will provide critical relief to water utilities by helping the customers who need it most.

The Alliance applauds the creation of the first-ever federally funded permanent low-income water customer assistance program. Similar to heat and energy assistance, a federally funded, permanent low-income water assistance program will provide a vital safety net for families during times of financial distress. This program will ensure that water continues to flow for millions of Americans while reducing long-term debt accumulation in our communities.

This approach would be meaningful not only for our members, and all water utilities, but for families across the country who need financial assistance with their bills. Making sure everyone has access to clean, safe, reliable and affordable water is a core part of our work and this program is a critical first step toward tackling the growing water affordability crisis by targeting relief to the low-income households who need it most.

H.R. 3293 is a smart, bipartisan solution for low-income Americans and the water utilities that serve them. The Alliance looks forward to working with you to advance this critical program.

Sincerely,

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Renee Willette  
Vice President, Programs & Strategy  
Co-Interim CEO

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Co-Interim CEO