



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

June 6, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-107 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for H.R. 7776, the Water Resources and Development Act of 2022

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) supports the Water Resources and Development Act of 2022, H.R. 7776, and urges its passage. Metropolitan is a regional wholesaler that provides drinking water for 26 member public agencies to deliver, either directly or through their sub-agencies, to nearly 19 million people living in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.

The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) plays a vital role in our Nation's water management. This work is made possible through the enactment of WRDA bills every two years. This schedule ensures continued congressional oversight of the Corps and allows Congress and the Corps to respond to local water resource needs. WRDA 2022 authorizes the study and construction of locally-driven projects that were developed in cooperation and consultation with the Corps. Additional provisions in the bill will help build more resilient communities and provide resources to address the needs of underserved communities.

Metropolitan appreciates all the work members of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have done to develop this bipartisan bill. WRDA 2022 will help address the water resources needs of our Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Hagekhalil", written in a cursive style.

Adel H. Hagekhalil
General Manager

cc: Representative Peter DeFazio, Chairman, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Representative Sam Graves, Ranking Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Representative Grace Napolitano, Chairwoman, House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee
on Water Resources and Environment
Representative David Rouzer, Ranking Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee
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