



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Simpson  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee—  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee—  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Simpson, and Ranking Member Pingree:

We write in support of ensuring that all Americans have access to safe drinking water. Specifically, we ask you to take critical additional steps through FY27 appropriations that will further reduce the nationwide threat of lead contaminated drinking water. To urgently achieve the decade-long task of removing lead service lines once and for all, we request \$1.5 billion added to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), administered as grants or forgivable loans and with guidance similar to what EPA currently uses to ensure Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's (IIJA) lead service line replacement funds are spent effectively. With IIJA funding expiring in just six months at the end of September, additional appropriations for lead service line replacement are more critical than ever. Too often, our local communities do not have the resources and capacity to address this health risk without a more aggressive funding approach to this growing crisis.

Despite being banned in 1986, millions of lead pipes still supply drinking water in districts throughout all 50 states and territories. The wide distribution of lead service lines raises concerns about the health and safety of our constituents and underscores our resolve to eliminate this hazard as quickly as possible.

While it has been estimated that removing all the nation's lead service lines will require at least \$45 billion over the next decade, the benefits of removing these lead pipes and reducing the health impacts of lead in tap water far outweigh these costs. EPA found that the benefits of removing lead pipes and reducing lead levels in tap water are up to 13 times greater than the costs. These benefits include protecting nearly a million babies from low birthweight and related complications, preventing thousands of children from experiencing ADHD, and avoiding 1,500 fatal heart attacks. Reducing lead levels in tap water will also reduce damage to Americans' kidneys and immune, reproductive, and nervous systems. Other comprehensive assessments and analyses have found that removing lead service lines and reducing lead levels in tap water yield benefits from 14 to 35 times higher than the costs.

Supplementing existing funding with an additional \$1.5 billion through the FY27 appropriations will keep us on track with this decade-long objective.

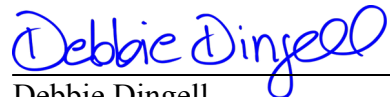
We once again urge you to provide \$1.5 billion in addition to regular funding for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, so as to ensure there is sufficient funding for lead service line replacement. Too many communities still lack access to safe drinking water and this increase in funding is needed to help ensure everyone has clean water.

Sincerely,



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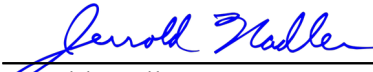
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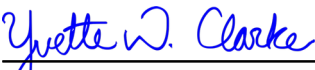
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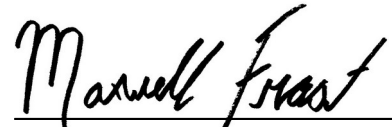
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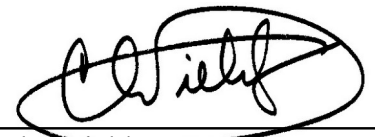
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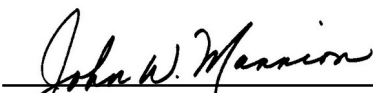
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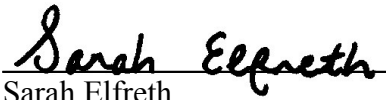
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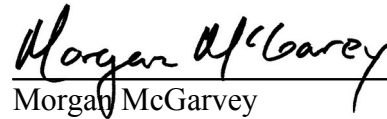
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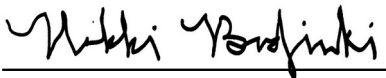
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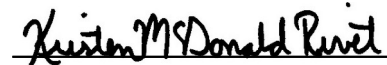
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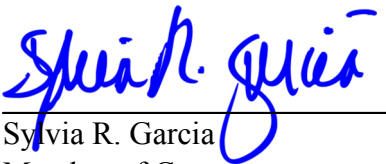
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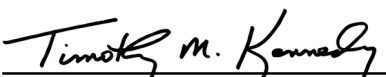
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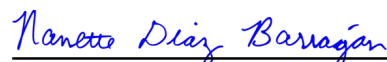
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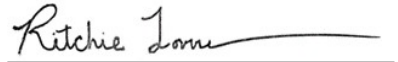
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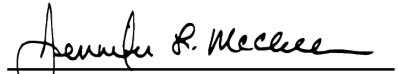
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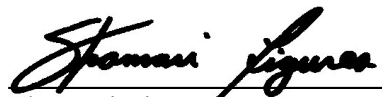
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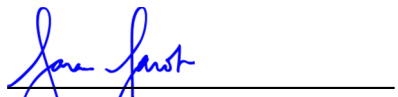
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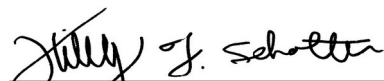
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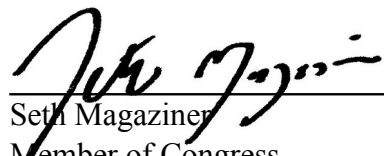
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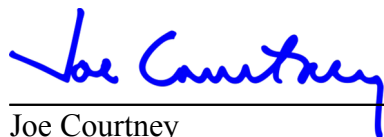
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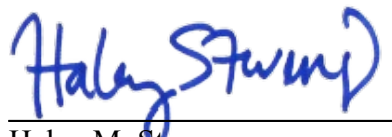
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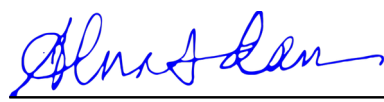
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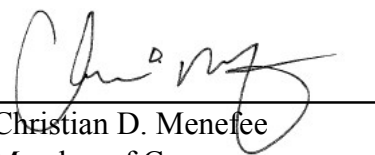
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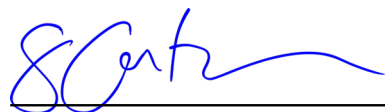
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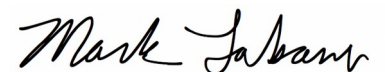
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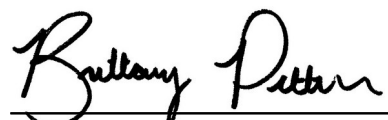
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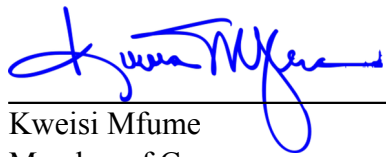
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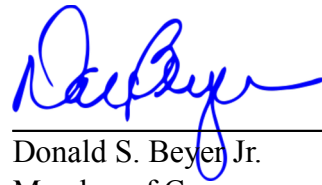


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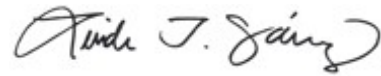
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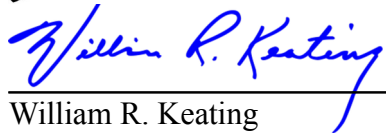
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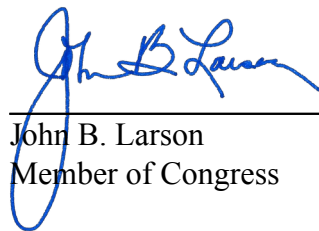
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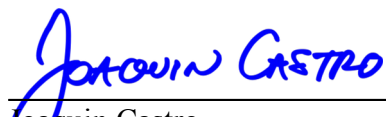
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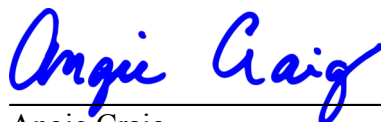
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