



**March 23, 2020**

**The Honorable John Kennedy  
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Senate Subcommittee on Financial Services & General Government  
Russell Senate Office Building, 383  
Washington, D.C. 20510**

**The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Chairman  
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**Dear Senator Kennedy:**

**Thank you for your hard work responding to the Coronavirus during the past few weeks. As the Senate continues to debate the various ways in which to prevent a recession, stimulate the economy and compensate various industries that have been adversely impacted, we the undersigned wanted to call your attention to the plight of water utilities.**

**As you may know, the broad national effort to encourage many people to remain home and for most businesses to alter the way they operate began almost two weeks ago and is unlikely to end any time soon. During this period, most water systems have registered a significant drop in revenue brought about by the closure and reduced hours of such a diverse swath of the economy. Hotels and conventions are off, sports arenas are closed, schools are empty and restaurants and bars everywhere are deserted.**

**The result of this freeze in activity has meant a major drop in revenue to water and waste water systems from coast to coast. In the case of water systems in large cities, the decline is even sharper but every system has registered the loss and every city and community is hurting. This is significant because the loss of revenue makes it harder for us to balance our budget without contemplating larger rate increases on already struggling customers. And the safety limits on our workers in some cases is limiting our ability to respond to some basic maintenance and repairs, creating more costly challenges down the road.**

**In the case of DC Water, the losses are expected to easily exceed \$10 million, the result primarily of a steep decline in public gatherings that means far less consumption.**

**It's our request that you and other Congressional leaders find ways to include public water systems around the country in any final assistance package that is sent to the President. We believe its in the best interests of the nation and the best interest of every community in the country.**

**Thank you for your consideration,**

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