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Water Sector Commends Congress for Water Relief in Appropriations Package

Joint Statement from Water Sector Associations Looks Forward to Building on this Success Next Year

(Washington, D.C.) – Monday afternoon, Congress released the Fiscal Year 2021 Consolidated Appropriations bill which contains \$638 million for low-income water utility bill assistance.

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies, Water Environment Federation, American Water Works Association, National Rural Water Association and the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies released the following joint statement:

“The water community and its customers are grateful to Congress for including \$638 million in assistance to low-income water customers in the final Fiscal Year 2021 Consolidated Appropriations bill. This funding – the first of its kind – recognizes the critical role of drinking water and wastewater services and the increased strain many households are facing in paying their water bills. While communities and utilities work to offer customer assistance and flexibility to those in need, the scope of the public health and economic crisis requires a federal hand. We look forward to working with the 117th Congress and incoming Biden Administration to further assist customers in need and local utilities that are suffering under the effects of these crises.”

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