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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United State Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

As small and medium sized business owners and residents of California, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support for our state's environment, in particular clean water. On behalf of the Western Suppliers Association, headquartered in Hayward, CA we are writing to urge you to **support S. 939, the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Investment Act**, sponsored by Senators Bob Menendez and Mike Crapo.

Established in 1952, the Western Suppliers Association is a regional association of wholesale distributors engaged in the business of wholesale distribution of plumbing, heating, cooling, and piping. Associate members, which include manufacturers and their representatives, are an integral part of Western Suppliers Association; the WSA region includes Northern CA & Northern NV, AK, HI, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY.

The Sustainable Water Infrastructure Investment Act would stimulate activity in private activity bonds to ensure that the financing costs incurred by state and local governments are kept low to spur the construction and modernization of our nation's infrastructure. As a leader in water conservation and smart use, California can once again lead the way in supporting innovative public-private solutions such as those prescribed by S. 939.

By providing communities with increased access to capital, aging water infrastructure that carries one of most precious resources can be modernized and replaced. The number of jobs created by this legislation and the benefits it would bring to the supplier and construction community would bring much needed relief during these times of ongoing economic uncertainty. **We urge you to cosponsor S. 939.**

Sincerely,

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