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The Honorable Young Kim
United States House of Representatives
1306 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: URGENT: Please OPPOSE Sec. 13201 of H.R. 3684 - The INVEST in America Act related to EPA new drinking water standards

Dear Representative Kim:

We respectfully request that you preserve the current cost-benefit analysis in the development of drinking water standards. Please oppose Section 13201 of H.R. 3684 (DeFazio D-OR-4) The INVEST in America Act by supporting efforts to have it removed in any final legislation enacted by Congress. **Section 13201 repeals section 1412(b)(6) of the Safe Drinking Water Act that provides a balanced approach to establishing new drinking water standards.**

Under existing law, the EPA ensures that public health benefits of a new drinking water regulation are reasonably balanced with the compliance costs that water system ratepayers will ultimately incur. Eliminating the current cost-benefit analysis in the development of drinking water standards will burden ratepayers of all income levels with astronomical costs to comply with drinking water standards that far exceed their public health benefits.

Please support legislative amendments to delete Section 13201 from The INVEST in America Act in any final legislation enacted by Congress. Please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell phone at (949) 230-7170 or OCWD Legislative Liaison Alicia Dunkin at adunkin@ocwd.com or (714) 477-3750 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Sheldon
Board President