



May 6, 2026

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support for S. 3738, the MORE WATER Act

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the Orange County Water District (OCWD) and the more than 2.5 million residents we serve in north and central Orange County, I am writing to express our support for S. 3738, the Making Our Communities Resilient through Enhancing Water for Agriculture, Technology, the Environment, and Residences (MORE WATER) Act. The MORE WATER Act reauthorizes expiring Bureau of Reclamation programs that support the development of water recycling projects and establishes a new federal grant program to fund repairs to water conveyance infrastructure that are essential to reliable water delivery across the state.

OCWD manages, replenishes, and protects the Orange County Groundwater Basin—the largest source of drinking water in our region, providing 85 percent of the water supply for our service area. As a recognized global leader in water recycling and groundwater management, we understand firsthand the urgency of modernizing our water infrastructure, expanding recycled water capacity, and investing in sustainable solutions to water supply.

Again, we support S. 3738 and appreciate your leadership to develop policy solutions to ensure a safe, reliable and affordable water supply for California's communities. If you have any questions, please contact me or Alicia Harasty, Legislative Affairs Liaison, at (714) 477-3750 or [aharasty@ocwd.com](mailto:aharasty@ocwd.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denis R. Bilodeau".

Denis R. Bilodeau, P.E.  
President, OCWD

cc:

Senator Adam Schiff (D-CA)  
Representative Young Kim (CA-40)  
Representative Derek Tran (CA-45)  
Representative Lou Correa (D-46)  
Representative Dave Min (D-47)