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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
ORANGE COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

June 22, 2021

The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
United States Senate
524 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

RE: S. 914 (Duckworth, D-IL) Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021 - Support

Dear Senator Duckworth:

Orange County Water District (OCWD, the District) writes in support of your legislation, the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021. S. 914 is a bipartisan bill that would support drinking water and clean water project funding needs. The bill provides financing for the design or construction of desalination facilities, water reuse, state revolving loan funds, watershed management, source water protection, and new technology, all of which the District supports.

Specifically, the bill would provide nearly \$30 billion in funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), and an additional \$6 billion in grants. S. 914 also reauthorizes the CWSRF and the DWSRF that expires at the end of 2021. This reauthorization will provide critical resources to states to upgrade aging infrastructure and address water quality to provide clean, safe water to more Americans.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me or OCWD Legislative Liaison Alicia Dunkin at adunkin@ocwd.com or (714) 378-8232 if you have any questions and/or if we may be of assistance on water policy issues in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

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