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The Honorable Isaac Bryan  
California State Assembly  
1021 O St. Ste. 5630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2419 (Bryan) - Environmental justice: federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Justice40 Oversight Committee – Oppose**

Dear Assemblymember Bryan:

On behalf of Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) I write to express our oppose position on AB 2419, a measure related to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). OCWD supports funding for disadvantaged communities (DACs); however, AB 2419 would exclude many low-income communities in California, that have historically been prioritized for water and wastewater funding.

This bill would require a minimum of 40% of funds received by the state under the IIJA to be allocated to projects that provide direct benefits to a DAC, and a minimum of an additional 10% be allocated for projects that provide direct benefits to low-income households and low-income communities.

The bill would define a DAC as those communities identified in the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's (OEHHA's) California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen), which excludes many low-income communities throughout California.

For the above reason, OCWD is opposed to AB 2419. If you have any questions and/or would like any additional information, please contact Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Dunkin at (714) 477-3750 or [adunkin@ocwd.com](mailto:adunkin@ocwd.com).

Sincerely,

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