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Senator Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Padilla
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla,

I am writing on behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments to express support for the Water Replenishment District's (WRD) application for Community Project Funding (CPF). WRD is seeking funding for its Clean Drinking Water and Groundwater Cleanup (Program). This Program will provide water treatment support directly to local water systems for PFAS-affected wells, promote the cleanup of unwanted groundwater substances and provide turnkey well remediation systems to water providers in need. WRD is a leader in providing support to water providers in low-income communities and the Program helps ensure residents have access to high-quality groundwater.

The goal of the Program is to develop innovative and low-cost solutions to cleanup groundwater in the Central and West Coast Basins in southern Los Angeles County, the most utilized groundwater basins in the country. This ensures the four million people in WRD's service area have access to high-quality groundwater and an affordable rate.

The four major components of the Program include the remediation of wells affected by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, remediation of wells affected by substances that cause water to be discolored or malodorous, and the cleanup of 650,000-acre feet (211.8 billion gallons) of salty groundwater. Through comprehensive programming, WRD will provide turnkey water treatment systems to water providers in need and make billions of gallons of drinking water available.

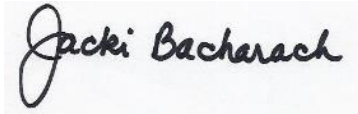
WRD's 420-square-mile service area covers 43 cities and four million people in southern Los Angeles County, including cities served by South Bay Cities Council of Governments. WRD's Program supports well remediation in a cost effective and efficient manner. Repairing groundwater wells ensures residents in our service area will have continual access to high quality and affordable groundwater. For this reason, the SBCCOG strongly supports WRD's CFP application.

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For any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director, Jacki Bacharach at Jacki@southbaycities.org/310-371-7222

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacki Bacharach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jacki Bacharach
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