

April 2, 2025

The Honorable Greg Stanton
207 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Stanton:

As members of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, we are writing to express our strong support for the Arizona Environmental Infrastructure program (Section 595), which will bring critically needed water infrastructure assistance to Arizona. We applaud you for introducing and shepherding this important provision into law, and we look forward to working with you to see additional funds allocated to the program in fiscal year 2026.

As you know, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has graded Arizona's drinking water and wastewater systems as C- and C respectively. According to the ASCE, over the next 20 years, Arizona will have \$9.13 billion in drinking water and \$6.77 billion – more than \$15 billion – in wastewater infrastructure needs. To help address these infrastructure challenges, additional federal investments are needed, particularly in small, rural, and tribal communities that lack the financial resources to do the necessary repairs and replacements.

To date, more than two dozen communities, counties, tribal nations, and irrigation districts have submitted requests to the Arizona program totaling more than \$250 million to support a wide variety of water infrastructure projects, several of which will help mitigate the impacts of the ongoing drought in the Colorado River Basin.

As you continue to work with your colleagues and the House Appropriations Committee on your fiscal year 2026 funding priorities, we urge you to ensure that Arizona receives its fair share of funding for the Arizona Environmental Infrastructure program so we can continue to address the vast needs across the state.

Thanks for your efforts to assist Arizona's cities and towns. We stand ready to work with you to pursue this worthwhile and needed funding.

Sincerely,