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Subject: Please leave PWAA for critical local infrastructure

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please reconsider and leave the Public Works Assistance Account for critical local infrastructure.

If this funding source is not available, system replacement projects are deferred and may lead to critical failures. This would not be good for the community or for the State.

In my experience, the utilities operated by cities/districts/counties are not willing to go to the bond market for system replacement projects (water and sewer lines) and instead defer and delay replacement until it can be afforded or there is an emergency.

The federally funded programs (Ecology SRF and Health Drinking Water SRF) generally rank system replacement as the lowest type of project. The federal funds are targeted more toward systems that are already out of compliance.

The PWAA was designed to provide incentive for communities to be proactive and complete system replacement programs to avoid critical failure. As one community completes their project, the next can begin when there is a consistent and reliable source of funding to assist.

The PWAA also allows the community to complete the project now and pay for years compared to save for years and do the project at some undetermined point in the future (if some emergency does not require funding first).

Katy Isaksen & Associates is a Utility Financial Planning firm for local government owned utilizes – water, sewer & stormwater. I develop six and ten-year financial plans for many systems around the state.

Thank you for your consideration and all of your hard work,

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