

June 15, 2009

Dear Mr. Reed and Mr. McConnell

On behalf of the Water Environment Federation (WEF), I want to urge Senator Reed and McConnell to schedule the Water Infrastructure Financing Act of 2009 – S. 1005 for floor consideration.

Formed in 1928, the Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization with 35,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. WEF and its Member Associations proudly work to achieve our mission of preserving and enhancing the global water environment.

High-quality drinking water and wastewater systems are essential to public health, business, and quality of life in the United States. America is facing shortfalls in water infrastructure investment and the highest unemployment rates in over two decades. The Water Infrastructure Financing Act of 2009 is a timely investment in our nation's critical water infrastructure that will generate approximately 1,365,000 construction, manufacturing, and engineering jobs over the next five years.

The Water Infrastructure Financing Act of 2009 is an important step toward protecting rivers and streams from pollution and making sure our communities have clean drinking water. This legislation would authorize appropriations totaling more than \$39 billion over the next five years for EPA's water infrastructure and grant programs. From 2010-2014 the EPA will provide capitalization grants, about \$20 billion for the clean water SRF program and about \$15 billion for the safe drinking water SRF program

The Water Environment Federation is calling upon these senators to schedule the Water Infrastructure Financing Act of 2009 for consideration. The Water Environment Federation is ready to assist you to assure that the Infrastructure Financing Act is enacted into law. We would be pleased to meet with you or members of your staff to discuss our support and how best we can help with enactment of the Infrastructure Financing Act. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Tim Williams, WEF Managing Director for Government Affairs, at (703) 684-2437.

Sincerely,
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