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Dear Ministers,

RE: Support for Private Members Bill C-653

As a water professional in Canada and a member of the Canadian Water and Wastewater Association, I am writing to encourage you to support Bill C-653 – *An Act to amend the Canada Water Act (recycling, conservation and efficiency)*.

If enacted, this bill will provide a national focal point for water efficiency, water conservation and water recycling. It will allow the adoption, nationally, of applicable and suitable standards as they may exist in Canada or the USA, along with other water stressed countries and regions. It will also provide a mechanism for working with the provinces with strong federal leadership.

As we witness the water shortages in California, Brazil and many other parts of the world, we know that this is a serious threat to many regions of Canada as well. The need for this bill is clear: our water supplies are under stress in many parts of the country, and even where there may be abundant supplies, the municipal services may be stressed trying to meet the demand for water because of a lack of infrastructure capacity or treatment capacity. As we begin to tackle the tremendous infrastructure challenges in Canada, conservation and efficiency should be our first step. Initiatives such as Energy Star, Water Star and product standards will ensure the wisest and most strategic use of our water resources. National leadership will be critical to support the efficiency efforts that will be required to sustain the health and economy of our Canada.

While I recognize that this is a Private Member's Bill, I am pleased to see important water issues be considered by the federal parliament.

Sincerely,

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