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The Honorable Anthony Portantino
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3086
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Lena Gonzalez
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2068
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 1056 – Support

Dear Senators Portantino and Gonzalez:

California Water Service (Cal Water) provides safe, reliable drinking water service to approximately 2 million Californians, from Chico in the north to the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the south. We are pleased to strongly support your Senate Bill 1056 (SB 1056), which will help water suppliers, the State Water Resources Control Board, and, most importantly, residents better understand the full extent of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination.

As it has been since our founding more than 90 years ago, protecting our customers' health and safety is our highest priority. Each year, we invest hundreds of millions of dollars into our water systems to ensure we continue to deliver reliable, high-quality drinking water. We have responded to PFAS with the same vigor. Cal Water is monitoring water sources for PFAS and taking action where needed. From removing water supply sources from service to constructing new water treatment facilities, we have worked diligently to ensure the safety of the drinking water we provide to our customers. And to ensure that the responsible parties bear the costs of addressing PFAS contamination instead of our customers, we have filed a lawsuit against a group of companies that manufactured and sold firefighting foam products that released PFAS into the environment.

The only way that we can effectively respond to PFAS is if we have a clear understanding of what to guard against. By requiring the certification of accurate methods to test for PFAS based on the best available science, SB 1056 will provide us with a clear understanding of what to guard against and help protect the safety of California's drinking water supplies.

Please feel free to reach out to us if there is anything that we can do to assist with this vitally important legislation. Justin Skarb, our Director of Community Affairs & Government Relations, can be contacted at jskarb@calwater.com.

Sincerely,

Shannon Dean
Vice President of Corporate Communications & Community Affairs

