



Michael Deane, Executive Director

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The Honorable Harry Reid  
United States Senate  
528 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-2803

Dear Majority Leader Reid:

On behalf of the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) and the private water service industry, I want to thank you for your sponsorship of the Water Adaptation, Technology, Education and Research Act. We support S. 1035 which would enhance the ability of drinking water utilities in the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies.

The National Association of Water Companies represents all aspects of the private water service industry. The range of our members' business includes ownership of regulated drinking water and wastewater utilities and the many forms of public-private partnerships and management contract arrangements. Our mission is to promote the value of the private sector as the provider of quality, sustainable, water services and innovative solutions. Every day nearly 73 million Americans — almost one in four — receive water service from a privately owned water utility or a municipal utility operating under a public-private partnership.

In the face of a changing climate, stewards of the nation's water resources are presented with unique challenges; from increased precipitation, to an inextricable energy-water nexus, to extended droughts, to water quality impacts on water supplies. Utilities need more reliable prognostic forecasts to mitigate these challenges to the nation's water supply.

The NAWC, its staff and membership look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Deane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Deane  
Executive Director