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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

Congratulations on becoming the 46th President of the United States. The Water Environment Federation (WEF) looks forward to working with you and your administration to advance policies and programs that protect America's precious water resources.

Many of your stated priorities as President align with WEF's mission. We share common views on rebuilding our nation's water infrastructure, developing climate change resilience, addressing water affordability, providing jobs and a strong workforce, delivering environmental justice, and protecting public health using wastewater-based epidemiology, particularly for coronavirus.

WEF Members and Beliefs

WEF is the technical and professional association for the people in the United States and worldwide who build and operate our clean water systems. Our members come from public utilities, private industry, equipment manufacturers, government, research, and academia. The solutions your administration provides will be implemented in communities nationwide by WEF's members.

WEF and its members are working to modernize the water and wastewater treatment model. To this end, we have renamed wastewater treatment facilities as water resource recovery facilities (WRRFs). This change reflects the tremendous opportunity to recover energy, nutrients, and water present in wastewater. These resources can be captured through more advanced treatment processes and will be part of the solution to combat climate change and making treatment systems more resilient.

WEF believes in sustainable, universal access to water and sanitation for all. WEF is an official partner of UN-Water (<https://www.unwater.org/>), which coordinates the efforts of United Nations (UN) entities and international organizations working on water and sanitation issues. Water professionals have a direct role in meeting the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 6, which calls for sustainable, universal access to water and sanitation.

Sound Science and a Pledge of Support

WEF places tremendous importance on sound science, which includes risk-based methodologies to develop costs of implementation at the local level and technical merit. WEF and our members will provide your administration with expertise to:

- *Use sound science and technical merit to advance regulations and policies that improve water quality and public health.*
- *Operate local water systems that are affordable, equitable, and robust.*
- *Accelerate and expand water infrastructure investments to spur economic development and address environmental equity at the community level.*
- *Bolster research and development to find solutions to pressing challenges in water.*
- *Develop a skilled workforce needed for a sustainable water future and high-quality jobs for the American people.*

In the coming months WEF will work with members of your administration to provide more context and details about the challenges and opportunities for the water sector.

As you execute your agenda and develop the policies and priorities for your Presidency, WEF is prepared to provide expert input on water issues and support implementation. We invite your administration to seek the counsel and technical resources of WEF and its more than 30,000 water professional members in the United States and around the world.

Sincerely,



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