



In recognition of World Water Awareness Month, we, the undersigned, urgently call on policymakers at all levels of government to prioritize efforts across a wide spectrum to preserve and enhance communities' access to clean water.

The World Water Awareness public awareness campaign this March, which includes World Water Day on March 22, spotlights the importance of community and organizational partnership and collaboration to Protect Every Drop, and meet the growing risks of widespread water scarcity head-on.

We urge policymakers to prioritize the allocation of funds toward new and reinvigorated initiatives that will help ensure access to clean and sustainable water sources for communities in the U.S. and around the world.

In fiscal year 2024 spending legislation, we urge consideration of the following actions:

- 1. Support new and existing international partnerships and initiatives aimed at addressing the global water crisis;**
- 2. Increase opportunity and access to broad-based investments in water sustainability programs to ensure equitable access to clean and affordable water for all; and**
- 3. Promote common sense building codes—including the International Codes® and referenced standards—that assure water conservation through efficiency, rainwater harvesting, and water reuse in the built environment.**

Time is running out. This is a pivotal moment for our leaders to lead in safeguarding the world's water supply policies and programs that millions rely on for a sustainable future.

For the well-being of so many that are, or will soon be, living in areas in the U.S. and around the world dealing with water scarcity challenges, we urge you to work proactively to ensure that any final fiscal year 2024 spending legislation reflects the critical nature of the global water crisis and that it includes increased funding for and focus on essential water sustainability programs.

Sincerely,

