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December 31, 2009

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor
State of California
State Capitol
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I write to express my concerns about the State of California's obligation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) programs.

According to recent information from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the State of California has been slow to spend funding allocated to our communities through the CWSRF and DWSRF. The State of California was obligated \$283,116,500 for the CWSRF, but has only \$181,073,759 under contract and has only \$18,880,616 in project outlays. The State was obligated \$159,008,000 for the DWSRF, but has only \$74,376,300 under contract and has only \$667,323 in outlays.

As you know, the State of California must have the remaining CWSRF and DWSRF funding under contract by February 17, 2010. Any funds not under contract by the statutory deadline will be lost and re-allocated to other states.

With so many Californians out of work, there is absolutely no excuse for our state to forgo federal funds that could be used to put people to work immediately and make long-term investments in our water infrastructure. I urge you to take immediate action to ensure the remaining funds are equitably distributed to local communities for projects that can be under contract before the statutory deadline! I would also appreciate an update on what is being done by state agencies to ensure these federal funds are not lost.

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Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob", written in a cursive style.

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