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

Dear Majority Leader Reid:

On behalf of the water industry, I want to thank you for your sponsorship of the Climate Change Drinking Water Adaptation Research Act. The consensus among professional water managers is that significant impacts to water are already occurring. Among the first and most critical impacts will be changes to patterns of precipitation around the world. This will affect water availability for the most basic drinking water and domestic water needs of populations in many areas of the United States. Drinking water utilities throughout the United States are concerned that prolonged changes in precipitation will lead to extended droughts as well as water quality impacts on water supplies. Water utilities are also focusing on the relationship between water treatment and delivery and energy consumption. Working through AwwaRF, the industry is already focusing on strategies to address climate change issues, but much more research is needed. We strongly support your bill creating a comprehensive research program on the full range of impacts climate change will have on drinking water utilities, water supply, facilities and customers.

Sincerely,

Peter Cook
Executive Director