



March 12, 2018

Matthew Beaton, Chair
Mass Water Resources Authority Board of Directors

Dear Commissioner Beaton & Members of the Board:

In recent weeks, we have seen the challenges that more extreme storms bring to the MWRA's wastewater systems, from both stormwater and seawater. The increasing risk of excessive inflow and infiltration (I/I) compromises the operations of the Deer Island wastewater treatment plant. This I/I originates in local systems, and our communities need help to control it. Understanding this, the Wastewater Advisory Committee (WAC) enthusiastically supports the continuation of the MWRA's Community Support Program, Phases 11 & 12.

WAC understands that the Advisory Board is proposing to increase the amount of funds available to MWRA sewer communities in the form of grants and zero-percent loans from the \$170 million in Phases 9 & 10 to \$180 million.

WAC supports this increase.

WAC also requests that the MWRA Board review policies to encourage communities to use the I/I Local Financial Assistance.

We thank you for your attention to this matter

Sincerely,

Craig Allen
Chair, Wastewater Advisory Committee to the MWRA

WAC is a citizens' advisory committee to the MWRA on wastewater issues. We provide an independent forum for discussion of these matters. Environmental improvement, safety, cost and technical issues are all considered when formulating our recommendations.