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July 13, 2011

His Excellency Governor Deval Patrick  
Office of the Governor  
Room 280  
Massachusetts State House  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Patrick:

I am writing to you on behalf of the membership of the Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship (the Coalition) to endorse the Initial Report of the Water Infrastructure Finance Commission (WIFC), “Toward Financial Sustainability”, and to support the ongoing efforts of the Commission. The Coalition represents almost 40 municipalities and publicly-owned wastewater, drinking water and stormwater utilities across the Commonwealth. The Coalition believes that public health, environmental protection and economic development depend on maintaining and constructing high quality utility infrastructure. Sound strategic and finance plans are essential to the long-term sustainability of the Commonwealth’s water infrastructure. The report provides a timely summary of the difficult issues facing communities and utilities and the growing demands on drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure across the Commonwealth.

Paul Levy details some of these issues in his article “Down the Drain: Infrastructure needs a cheering section” in the Summer 2011 issue of *CommonWealth*. Ratepayers cannot be expected to bear the entire burden of catching up on deferred maintenance or the costly upgrades that are required by ever-lower regulatory limits based on questionable science and resulting in diminishing environmental returns.

We support the ongoing work of the Commission to determine drinking water, wastewater and stormwater management needs in the state and to identify sustainable approaches to financing them. As such, we request your continued support of the

Commission and of the single recommendation of the Initial Report – to fund a study for the purpose of defining the water infrastructure needs of the Commonwealth. The future of the Commonwealth’s communities depends on a sound, sensible and sustainable approach to infrastructure planning and financing.

Sincerely,

MASSACHUSETTS COALITION FOR WATER RESOURCES STEWARDSHIP

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert L. Moylan, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Robert L. Moylan, Jr., P.E., President  
Commissioner, Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks

Cc: MCWRS Board of Directors