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Honorable Paul Fong
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5135
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2334 (Fong) - Support

Dear Assemblymember Fong:

DRA (Division of Ratepayer Advocates) is an independent consumer advocate within the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). DRA's statutory mandate is to obtain the lowest possible rate for utility service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. DRA also advocates for customer and environmental protections in connection with utility service.

DRA supports your AB 2334, which would require the Department of Water Resources to augment its California Water Plan with information on the lack of affordability of drinking water and wastewater services.

For many customers, affordability of water service is a growing concern given that we are in one of the worst economic downturns. Therefore, we must do what we can to identify strategies and develop guidelines to ensure all Californian's have access to safe, reliable and affordable water. AB 2334 would build upon reporting efforts already underway at the Department of Water Resources to achieve these important goals.

DRA supports AB 2334 and looks forward to working with you to ensure this bill is enacted into law.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call DRA's Legislative Advisor Rebecca Tsai-Wei Lee, at (916) 327-1407 or me at (415) 703- 2381.

Respectfully,

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