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Honorable Jean Fuller
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3063
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 489 (Fuller) – Support

Dear Senator Fuller,

DRA (Division of Ratepayer Advocates) is the 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 SB 489, which would authorize the CPUC to appoint a receiver to assume possession of specified water corporation's property and to operate its system according to the terms and conditions prescribed by the CPUC.

DRA firmly believes that all Californians should have access to safe, reliable and affordable water service. We support your bill's efforts to ensure that this essential service will be available to all notwithstanding any inabilities or inadequacies of the water or sewer system corporation serving them. Under the circumstance where a water or sewer system corporation can no longer serve its customers, this bill ensures that the CPUC can quickly and efficiently address this problem so that that ratepayers' access to safe and reliable water and sewer service will not be disrupted.

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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By
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