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The Honorable Kay Ivey
Governor of Alabama
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
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Dear Governor Ivey:

Protecting public health and upgrading our nation's water infrastructure are among the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's highest priorities. Today, I signed the second round of funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan program. This year, thanks to the Consolidated Appropriations Act signed by President Donald Trump, we hope to make available as much as $5.5 billion in loans, which could leverage over $11 billion in investment for water infrastructure projects.

This new round of WIFIA funding represents an opportunity to incentivize states and municipalities to correct local infrastructure problems, create jobs, and provide clean water for our communities and safe drinking water for our citizens. This year, I am placing the highest priority on projects that keep lead and other contaminants out of drinking water and update our nation's aging drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. Whether projects are in large cities or small towns, in dry or wet areas, on the coast or in the middle of the country, or include a group of small systems that have banded together, I want to encourage all communities to submit a letter of interest.

I hope you will think creatively when you look for opportunities to either forge public-private partnerships or expand the reach of your State Revolving Fund program with WIFIA funds, as Indiana is planning to do with 2017 funds. Other innovative ideas from 2017 include: a membrane treatment facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; a comprehensive infrastructure repair, rehabilitation, and replacement program in Baltimore, Maryland; and a combined sewer overflow retention treatment basin in Omaha, Nebraska.

Letters of interest must be submitted by July 6, 2018. More information is available at: www.epa.gov/wifia or your staff may contact Jorianne Jernberg at WIFIA@epa.gov.

Respectfully yours,

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