



April 21, 2009

Senator Richard Lugar
131 Russell Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

We've heard that you may be considering being the original cosponsor on a letter in support of increased appropriations for the EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs in the FY 2010 appropriations measure. The National Utility Contractors Association of Indiana would fully support these increases, and we encourage and would greatly appreciate you to co-author the letter.

Indiana is facing an extremely harsh economic climate. In fact, most construction companies in Indiana have decreased their workforce sending many employees home without a job due to a lack of available construction projects. This funding would go a long way to help put our workforce get back to work while providing a fundamental environmental service.

A recent study found that between 20,000 and 27,000 quality jobs are created with every \$1 billion of investment in water and wastewater infrastructure. The clean water funding included in recent economic recovery legislation provided a long-overdue down payment on this long neglected infrastructure, but we need to continue to take steps to reverse the dangerous trends that have been shaped over the past several years through repeated cuts in annual appropriations.

Over the years, you have signed on many similar letters asking for funding increases. We would really appreciate it if you would consider taking the lead on what would be a bipartisan letter with Senator Jack Reed (D-RI). The letter would likely ask for \$2.4 billion for the Clean Water SRF and \$1.5 billion for the Drinking Water SRF.

If you have any questions about NUCA's position on this, please contact myself or Eben Wyman of NUCA National at (703) 358-9300.

Thank you for your time, your commitment, and your service to Indiana!

Sincerely,

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