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## **Water Systems Council Celebrates Signing of America's Water Infrastructure Act into Law**

WASHINGTON, DC -- October 25, 2018 -- The Water Systems Council (WSC), the only national nonprofit organization solely focused on household wells and water well systems, celebrated President Trump's signing of America's Water Infrastructure Act into law earlier this week, saying that the new law is a major step toward providing all Americans with safe, clean drinking water.

The new law includes the WSC-supported Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now (SRF WIN) Act, which was introduced by U.S. Senators John Boozman (R-AR) and Cory Booker (D-NJ). The SRF WIN Act modernizes investment in water infrastructure by empowering states to invest in multiple water infrastructure projects.

"America's Water Infrastructure Act is in lock step with President Trump's vision for infrastructure," said Senator Boozman, Chair of the Senate Fisheries, Water and Wildlife Subcommittee. "I'm particularly pleased that this bill also includes the SRF WIN Act, legislation I introduced with Senator Booker. What the SRF WIN Act does is simple: it combines the efficiency and trust associated with the State Revolving Funds with the leveraging power of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA). This legislation provides millions and potentially billions in project dollars to communities that have traditionally not had access to these types of funds.

"The Water Systems Council was an integral part of getting this legislation included in AWIA and I couldn't have done it without their help," Boozman continued. "I would like to thank WSC for its efforts in support of the SRF WIN Act."

Senator John Barrasso, Chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, noted that the passage of this new legislation is of particular interest to his home state of Wyoming, noting, "I applaud President Trump for signing this significant piece of infrastructure legislation into law. The president called on Congress to act and America's Water Infrastructure Act delivers. The bipartisan bill will keep communities safe and cut red tape, all while being fiscally responsible. It is good for Wyoming and good for the nation. America's Water Infrastructure Act will upgrade and maintain aging dams and irrigation systems, increase water storage, and deepen nationally significant ports. It authorizes funds to repair aging drinking water systems, so that communities across America have access to clean drinking water. It authorizes important projects that will create jobs and grow our economy. America's Water Infrastructure Act is a win for all Americans."

WSC President Richard Mest said, "With the availability of economical alternatives like water well systems and an affordable funding solution provided by this new law, there should be no reason that every American should not have access to safe drinking water."

The Water Systems Council is committed to ensuring that Americans who get their water from household private wells have safe, reliable drinking water, and to protecting our nation's groundwater resources. For more information, visit [www.watersystemscouncil.org](http://www.watersystemscouncil.org).

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