



Water Resource Impacts of Climate Change

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Dear Members of Congress:

As the Senate prepares to begin consideration of S. 2191, the “Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act,” our organizations strongly urge you to recognize the severe impacts that global climate change will likely have on water resources in the United States. Legislation should include federal support and incentives to help drinking water providers, flood and stormwater agencies and wastewater systems confront the impacts of climate change.

There is already strong evidence that climate change is having an impact on the world’s water resources. Most experts believe drinking water providers, flood and stormwater agencies and wastewater systems will experience serious repercussions from climate change, such as reduced snow pack, increased storm frequency and drought, and rising sea levels.

Outlined in the attached statement from our eight organizations are three broad objectives that Congress should include in comprehensive climate change legislation.

Your support of our recommendations would be a significant step toward ensuring that our members can continue to provide critical water service in spite of the effects of climate change.

We look forward to working with you on this important national issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

American Water Works Association
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies
National Association of Water Companies
Water Environment Federation
Western Urban Water Coalition
Water Utility Climate Alliance