

PLUMBING INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP COALITION

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The Honorable Tom Udall
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The Honorable Rob Portman
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Dear Senator Udall and Senator Portman:

As representatives of water- and plumbing-related organizations from across the country, members of the Plumbing Industry Leadership Coalition thank you for introducing the *Water Efficiency Improvement Act of 2017*.

The legislation would codify the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) successful WaterSense program, a public-private partnership that encourages voluntary reduction of water consumption by consumers and businesses through highly efficient plumbing products, services, and practices that save water, as well as money and energy.

For ten years, the WaterSense program has offered a simple way for consumers to identify water-efficient plumbing products. Plumbing products that have earned the WaterSense label have been certified to be at least 20% more efficient than the current federal level, without sacrificing performance. The program has grown to include more than 21,000 WaterSense products for bathrooms (toilets, showerheads, faucets, and urinals), commercial kitchens, and irrigation systems [*2016 EPA WaterSense Accomplishments: 10 Years of Saving Water Together*].

Water efficient plumbing products not only conserve water, energy and money, but also reduce the strain on our aging infrastructure. With more than 1,800 partners, WaterSense is truly an example of an effective collaboration between industry and the government to determine voluntary water efficient performance measures that can be used by consumers, industry, and state and local governments.

In a time where each program at EPA is being carefully reviewed and budget decisions are being weighed, the WaterSense program has demonstrably proven to be a sound investment of EPA's resources. We applaud your leadership in sponsoring this important legislation and look forward to working with you on its swift passage.

Sincerely,

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