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The Honorable Tom Carper  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20150

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20150

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

Thank you for your ongoing leadership of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. As you continue work on the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, I respectfully request that the legislation require the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to provide dedicated funding for the City of Chandler to address aging infrastructure at the Ocotillo Water Reclamation Facility.

The City of Chandler's Ocotillo Water Reclamation Facility opened in 1984 as a conventional wastewater treatment plant, and was expanded in 2018 to accommodate the City's population growth and treat the city's wastewater to enable direct potable reuse. The facility was identified in 2019 as the Arizona Water Project of the Year by the Arizona Water Association, and ensures the City of Chandler reuses every drop of water at least twice. However, much of the infrastructure associated with the original plant are nearly 40 years old and require upgrades to continue to function.

At a time when Arizona communities need to invest in innovative solutions to conserve scarce water resources, I request that the WRDA 2022 bill provide dedicated funding for the Corps to partner the City of Chandler to rehabilitate this aging and deteriorating infrastructure at the Ocotillo Water Reclamation Facility.

Thank you again for your ongoing leadership and your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly  
United States Senator