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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
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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 Tempe to reactivate the Kyrene Water Reclamation Facility.

The City of Tempe's Kyrene Water Reclamation Facility was taken offline in 2010 due to the recession, a reduction of wastewater into the city's system and significant operational costs. The facility has the capability to collect and recycle wastewater, which is then used to recharge aquifers beneath the City. In the midst of ongoing drought conditions, the City plans to reopen the facility to enable the city to treat regional effluent and carry out groundwater recharge activities.

To support this critical project, I request that the WRDA 2022 bill provide dedicated funding for the Corps to partner the City of Tempe to support the City's efforts to reopen and operate the facility in response to worsening drought conditions.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly
United States Senator