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July 17, 2008

Robin B. Martin
Chair,
Board of Directors,
Water and Sewer Authority
5000 Overlook Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20032

Dear Chairman Martin:

We are writing to express our strong support for WASA's work to develop a user fee based on imperviousness. We are concerned that the implementation date has been extended, and urge the WASA Board to exercise strong leadership and oversight to ensure that the new April 2009 deadline is met.

In addition, we share WASA's interest in ensuring that both the underlying data and the subsequent billing are correct. Our hope is that the mechanism that WASA devises to determine imperviousness for funding the Long Term Control Plan can also be used as the method for funding the Storm Water Permit Compliance Enterprise Fund (SWPCEF). As you know, the SWPCEF will fund efforts to ensure compliance with the MS4 permit, intended to reduce pollution going into the District's waterways.

In summary, we applaud WASA's work to devise an equitable system of user fees based on imperviousness. We understand the effort required to develop accurate data and billing, and we urge the WASA Board to exercise leadership and oversight in order to meet the extended April 2009 deadline.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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