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NARUC Sends Letter to House and Senate Leaders Supporting National "Imagine a Day Without Water Campaign"

WASHINGTON—The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners today joins elected officials, drinking water and wastewater providers, community leaders, business and labor groups, policy experts, advocacy organizations and infrastructure experts in support of Imagine a Day Without Water, an awareness campaign aimed at educating the public about the water infrastructure crisis currently facing the United States. Organized by the Value of Water Coalition, hundreds of national organizations are helping to raise awareness about the crucial need for investment to ensure that no community in America is left without water and the critical infrastructure required to bring it to and from our homes and businesses.

Recognizing that an investment in our drinking water and wastewater systems is essential to securing a bright and prosperous future for generations to come, NARUC again calls for a renewed focus on investment in our nation's water and wastewater infrastructure. NARUC has sent letters to leadership of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, urging them to make investment in water infrastructure and water resources a priority.

As noted in the letters, co-signed by NARUC President John Betkoski III of Connecticut and New Jersey Commissioner Mary-Anna Holden, chair of NARUC's Committee on Water:

Every two minutes, there is a water main break somewhere in America. Many cities are built on top of drinking water and wastewater systems that are more than a century old. In 2017, the American Society for Civil Engineers again graded the nation's drinking water system infrastructure a D.

The letters are available on NARUC's website at http://bit.ly/NARUCSenateLetter and http://bit.ly/NARUCHouseLetter.

For more information on the value of water and to learn how to participate in the campaign, visit http://imagineadaywithoutwater.org/.

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