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January 10, 2020

Great Lakes Water Authority & Chief Executive Officer
500 Randolph, 19th Floor
Detroit, MI 48202

RE: Water Residential Assistance Program Reallocation of Uncommitted FY18-19 Funds

Dear GLWA Board of Directors and Sue McCormick,

Community Action Agencies, America's anti-poverty network, carry out a shared promise to empower people and communities to be strong, healthy, and thriving. The Community Action Alliance for Southeast Michigan, through our role in WRAP, has made water assistance, conservation, and consumer education a leading priority in our community-based poverty fighting efforts.

Together we have enrolled more than 19,000 GLWA resident customers into WRAP assisting in the prevention of thousands of water service shut offs. With 76 of the eligible GLWA communities now offering WRAP services to residents and three (3) additional in process, the reach and impact of WRAP continues to grow. **Even with an increase in community participation, an unspent balance of \$1,680,580 in uncommitted funds remain in Direct Assistance and \$333,336 in Conservation.**

The greatest need for WRAP services is from Detroit and Flint customers. 71 percent of all WRAP enrollments are Detroit and Flint residents. All available GLWA Detroit WRAP funding has been committed to service first year enrollments, second year re enrollments, home repairs, and conservation measures.

We respectfully request that GLWA Board of Directors:

1. **Approve a WRAP funding reallocation as follows:**
 - a. **Direct Assistance (\$1,680,580)**
 - i. **City of Detroit New Enrollments: \$690,100**
 - ii. **Genesee County (Flint) New Enrollments: \$ 371,562**
 - iii. **Outreach – Oakland, Macomb & Others: \$359,761**
 - iv. **Conservation: \$259,157**
 - b. **Conservation- (Including Reallocated Direct Assistance) (\$592,493):**
 - i. **City of Detroit: Conservation: \$ 492,493**
 - ii. **Genesee county (Flint): Conservation: \$100,000**

In advocating for this reallocation, it is worth noting:

- All allocated GLWA funding and additional funding raised for Detroit has been committed.
- All allocated GLWA funding for Flint has been committed and \$17,000 are allocated for FY 19-20.
- This request is consistent with the reallocation request made by the CAA Alliance in 2018.
- An additional \$4,138,000 has been raised and committed for WRAP Detroit - Wayne Metro contributing \$1M in Federal dollars and DWSD an additional \$3M for Departmental sources.
- \$3.2M has been leveraged to expand and advance WRAP services through technology, facilities, and increased staffing.
- \$400,000 of discretionary funding has been raised through events, grants, and donations to provide one-time assistance to individuals and communities ineligible for WRAP.

Please find attached:

1. A funding allocation request table

Sincerely,



Louis D. Piszker, CEO
Wayne Metro CAA