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The Honorable Eduardo Garcia  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 4140  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Garcia:

Subject: **AB588 (E. Garcia): Planned Regulatory Compliance – SUPPORT**

The (Name of your mutual water company) would like to register our support of AB588 that if enacted will provide water systems up to three (3) or more years to implement plans to comply with new safe drinking water standards. (Name of Mutual Water Co.) is a not-for-profit community-owned water system, serving (number) residents in (name of City, County, or unincorporated area). (Optional if true: We provide a drinking water source to a disadvantaged community). We thank you for introducing this important legislation.

We support AB588 because the legislation contains the following important provisions:

1. Require that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) consider how to help small and disadvantaged communities which may not be able to immediately afford treatment systems to comply with a new or revised safe drinking water standard.
2. AB588 includes provisions requiring that water systems report progress in meeting new drinking water standards during the “planned compliance period” promoting accountability.
3. AB588 also provides the SWRCB and the Division of Drinking Water (DDW) discretion to immediately issue orders for compliance by all water systems when a contaminant threatens immediate harm to the public.

Overall, AB588 allows water systems to methodically comply with new standards for contaminants that have been assessed to present *long-term* health threats. Such standards are the result of advances in technology that allow for the detection of ever smaller molecular-level traces of contaminants. The planned approach to compliance provided in AB588 will go a long way in making sure that small water systems and those serving disadvantaged communities are not left hopelessly behind in complying with new standards.

Once again, we thank you for your introduction of AB588 which CalMutuals is proud to be a sponsor and advocate for its passage. If enacted AB588 will help water all water systems find an equitable path towards compliance with new drinking water standards, while providing the SWRCB and DDW the flexibility to implement them in measure with their urgency.

Sincerely yours,

(Name of General Manager or President

Title

Name of Company)