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Hon. Bill Dodd, Chair
Senate Committee on Governmental Organization
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 584
Sacramento, CA 95814

SB 669 (Caballero) re: Water Quality, Safe Drinking Water Fund – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Dodd:

On behalf of the chambers of commerce that comprise the United Chamber Advocacy Network (UCAN) and their nearly 4800 combined members, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for Senate Bill 669 (Caballero) which proposes to create the Safe Drinking Water Fund to assist disadvantaged communities address chronic water quality concerns.

By setting aside a portion of surplus funds, SB 669 is a thoughtful, prudent and pragmatic approach to provide assistance to small water districts in disadvantaged communities that do not have the capacity to meet safe drinking water standards.

The approach in SB 669 is preferable to a statewide tax on all commercial and residential customers in California to fund infrastructure in a few, albeit deserving – communities. Moreover, the costs associated with administering grants from the Safe Drinking Water Fund will be considerably less than the costs to each water district in the state to administer a fee transfer as proposed in other legislation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our views. We urge your AYE vote on SB 669.

Sincerely,

Dave Butler
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cc. Members, Senate Committee on Governmental Organization
State Senator Anna Caballero
State Senators Jim Nielsen and Richard Pan