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Member of Congress

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Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2944

Dear Board of Directors:

I am writing to submit this letter in support of the reelection of Gloria Gray as Chairwoman of the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). I have had the pleasure of knowing Chairwoman Gray and have become very familiar with her work on water policy.

Two years ago, Chairwoman Gray became the first African-American Chairwoman in MWD's nearly 90-year history. Chairwoman Gray began her career in water policy in 2006 when she was elected to the West Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors, representing the cities of Inglewood, South Ladera Heights, Lennox, and the areas of Athens, Howard and Ross-Sexton. She was the first African-American woman elected to the West Basin Board in its 65 year history and also served as board president in 2010. In 2009, she was appointed to MWD's Board of Directors to serve as one of two West Basin representatives. She was the first African-American woman to serve as Vice Chair of the MWD Board and also serves on the Executive Committee, Personnel and Technology Committee, Bay-Delta Committee, and Vice Chair of Communication and Legislative Committee.

In my capacity as California Assembly Speaker, I appointed Chairwoman Gray to the Delta Stewardship Council in 2010 for a four-year term. In this role, she met with stakeholders from up and down the state and suggested the Delta Council hold public forums to gain broader knowledge in order to develop a comprehensive Delta Plan guided by public input.

I believe, strongly, that Chairwoman Gray would continue to successfully lead MWD and I support her reelection for the chairmanship without reservation. If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Darryn Harris.

Yours truly,



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